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(54) Title: CHEMICAL INHIBITORS OF MISMATCH REPAIR

(57) Abstract: Dominant negative alleles of human mismatch repair genes can be used to generate hypermutable cells and organisms. By introducing these genes into cells and transgenic animals, new cell lines and animal varieties with novel and useful properties can be prepared more efficiently than by relying on the natural rate of mutation. Methods of generating mutations in genes of interest and of making various cells mismatch repair defective through the use of chemicals to block mismatch repair *in vivo* are disclosed.

## CHEMICAL INHIBITORS OF MISMATCH REPAIR

### TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention is related to the area of mutagenesis. In particular it is related to the  
5 field of blocking specific DNA repair processes.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Mismatch repair (MMR) is a conserved DNA repair process that is involved in post-replicative repair of mutated DNA sequences that occurs after genome replication.

10 The process involves a group of gene products, including the *mutS* homologs *GTBP*, *hMSH2*, and *hMSH3* and the *mutL* homologs *hMLH1*, *hPMS1*, and *hPMS2* (Bronner, C.E. *et al.* (1994) *Nature* 368:258-261; Papadopoulos, N. *et al.* (1994) *Science* 263:1625-1629; Leach, F.S. *et al.* (1993) *Cell* 75:1215-1225; Nicolaides, N.C. *et al.* (1994) *Nature* 371:75-80) that work in concert to correct mispaired mono-, di-, and tri-nucleotides, point  
15 mutations, and to monitor for correct homologous recombination. Germline mutations in any of the genes involved in this process results in global point mutations, and instability of mono, di and tri-nucleotide repeats (a feature referred to as microsatellite instability (MI)), throughout the genome of the host cell. In man, genetic defects in MMR results in the predisposition to hereditary nonpolyposis colon cancer, a disease in which tumors  
20 retain a diploid genome but have widespread MI (Bronner, C.E. *et al.* (1994) *Nature* 368:258-261; Papadopoulos, N. *et al.* (1994) *Science* 263:1625-1629; Leach, F.S. *et al.* (1993) *Cell* 75:1215-1225; Nicolaides, N.C. *et al.* (1994) *Nature* 371:75-80; Harfe B.D., and S. Jinks-Robertson (2000) *An. Rev. Genet.* 34:359-399; Modrich, P. (1994) *Science* 266:1959-1960). Though the mutator defect that arises from MMR deficiency can affect  
25 any DNA sequence, microsatellite sequences are particularly sensitive to MMR abnormalities (Peinado, M.A. *et al.* (1992) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:10065-10069). Microsatellite instability is therefore a useful indicator of defective MMR. In addition to its occurrence in virtually all tumors arising in HNPCC patients, MI is found in a small fraction of sporadic tumors with distinctive molecular and phenotypic properties that is  
30 due to defective MMR (Perucho, M. (1996) *Biol. Chem.* 377:675-684).

MMR deficiency leads to a wide spectrum of mutations (point mutations, insertions, deletions, recombination, etc.) that can occur throughout the genome of a host

cell. This effect has been found to occur across a diverse array of organisms ranging from but not limited to unicellular microbes, such as bacteria and yeast, to more complex organisms such as *Drosophila* and mammals, including mice and humans (Harfe B.D., and S. Jinks-Robertson (2000) *An. Rev. Genet.* 34:359-399; Modrich, P. (1994) *Science* 5 266:1959-1960). The ability to block MMR in a normal host cell or organism can result in the generation of genetically altered offspring or sibling cells that have desirable output traits for applications such as but not limited to agriculture, pharmaceutical, chemical manufacturing and specialty goods. A chemical method that can block the MMR process is beneficial for generating genetically altered hosts with commercially valuable output 10 traits. A chemical strategy for blocking MMR *in vivo* offers a great advantage over a recombinant approach for producing genetically altered host organisms. One advantage is that a chemical approach bypasses the need for introducing foreign DNA into a host, resulting in a rapid approach for inactivating MMR and generating genetically diverse offspring or sib cells. Moreover, a chemical process is highly regulated in that once a host 15 organism with a desired output trait is generated, the chemical is removed from the host and its MMR process would be restored, thus fixing the genetic alteration in subsequent generations. The invention described herein is directed to the discovery of small molecules that are capable of blocking MMR, thus resulting in host organisms with MI, a hallmark of MMR deficiency (Peinado, M.A. *et al.* (1992) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 20 89:10065-10069; Perucho, M. (1996) *Biol. Chem.* 377:675-684; Wheeler, J.M. *et al.* (2000) *J. Med. Genet.* 37:588-592; Hoang, J.M. *et al.* (1997) *Cancer Res.* 57:300-303). Moreover, host organisms exhibiting MI are then selected for to identify subtypes with new output traits, such as but not limited to mutant nucleic acid molecules, polypeptides, biochemicals, physical appearance at the microscopic and/or macroscopic level, or 25 phenotypic alterations in a whole organism. In addition, the ability to develop MMR defective host cells by a chemical agent provides a valuable method for creating genetically altered cell hosts for product development. The invention described herein is directed to the creation of genetically altered cell hosts via the blockade of MMR using chemical agents *in vivo*.

30 The advantages of the present invention are further described in the examples and figures described within this document.

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides methods for rendering cells hypermutable by blocking MMR activity with chemical agents.

5       The invention also provides genetically altered cell lines which have mutations introduced through interruption of mismatch repair.

The invention further provides methods to produce an enhanced rate of genetic hypermutation in a cell.

10       The invention encompasses methods of mutating a gene of interest in a cell, methods of creating cells with new phenotypes, and methods of creating cells with new phenotypes and a stable genome.

The invention also provides methods of creating genetically altered whole organisms and methods of creating whole organisms with new phenotypes.

15       These and other objects of the invention are provided by one or more of the embodiments described below.

In one embodiment of the invention, a method for screening chemical compounds that block mismatch repair (MMR) is provided. An MMR-sensitive reporter gene containing an out-of-frame polynucleotide repeat in its coding region is introduced into an MMR proficient cell. The cell is grown in the presence of chemicals. Chemicals that alter  
20       the genetic structure of the polynucleotide repeat yield a biologically active reporter gene product. Chemicals that disrupt the polynucleotide repeat are identified as MMR blocking agents.

In another embodiment of the invention, an isolated MMR blocking chemical is provided. The chemical can block MMR of a host cell, yielding a cell that exhibits an  
25       enhanced rate of hypermutation.

In another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for introducing a mutation into a gene of interest. A chemical that blocks mismatch repair is added to the culture of a cell line. The cells become hypermutable as a result of the introduction of the chemical. The cell further comprises a gene of interest. The cell is cultured and tested to  
30       determine whether the gene of interest harbors a mutation.

In another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for producing new phenotypes of a cell. A chemical that blocks mismatch repair is added to a cell culture.

The cell becomes hypermutable as a result of the introduction of the chemical. The cell is cultured and tested for the expression of new phenotypes.

In another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for restoring genetic stability in a cell in which mismatch repair is blocked via a chemical agent. The chemical  
5 is removed from the cell culture and the cell restores its genetic stability.

In another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for restoring genetic stability in a cell with blocked mismatch repair and a newly selected phenotype. The chemical agent is removed from the cell culture and the cell restores its genetic stability and the new phenotype is stable.

10 In another embodiment of the invention, a chemical method for blocking MMR in plants is provided. The plant is grown in the presence of a chemical agent. The plant is grown and exhibits an enhanced rate of hypermutation.

In another embodiment of the invention, a method for screening chemical inhibitors of MMR in plants *in vivo* is provided. MMR-sensitive plant expression vectors  
15 are engineered. The reporter vectors are introduced into plant hosts. The plant is grown in the presence of a chemical agent. The plant is monitored for altered reporter gene function.

In another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for introducing a mutation into a gene of interest in a plant. A chemical that blocks mismatch repair is  
20 added to a plant. The plant becomes hypermutable as a result of the introduction of the chemical. The plant further comprises a gene of interest. The plant is grown. The plant is tested to determine whether the gene of interest harbors a mutation.

In another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for producing new phenotypes of a plant. A chemical that blocks mismatch repair is added to a plant. The  
25 plant becomes hypermutable as a result of the introduction of the chemical. The plant is grown and tested for the expression of new phenotypes.

In another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for restoring genetic stability in a plant in which mismatch repair is blocked via a chemical agent. The chemical is removed from the plant culture and the plant restores its genetic stability.

30 In another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for restoring genetic stability in a plant with blocked mismatch repair and a newly selected phenotype. The

chemical agent is removed from the plant culture and the plant restores its genetic stability and the new phenotype is stable.

These and other embodiments of the invention provide the art with methods that can generate enhanced mutability in microbes, organisms of the protista class, insect cells, mammalian cells, plants, and animals as well as providing cells, plants and animals harboring potentially useful mutations.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

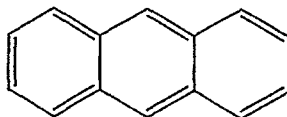
- Figure 1** shows diagrams of mismatch repair (MMR) sensitive reporter genes.
- 10 **Figure 2** shows a screening method for identifying MMR blocking chemicals.
- Figure 3** shows identification of a small chemical that blocks MMR and genetically alters the pCAR-OF vector *in vivo*.
- Figure 4** shows shifting of endogenous microsatellites in human cells induced by a chemical inhibitor of MMR.
- 15 **Figure 5** shows sequence analysis of microsatellites from cells treated with chemical inhibitors of MMR with altered repeats.
- Figure 6** shows generation of host organisms with new phenotypes using a chemical blocker of MMR.
- Figure 7** shows a schematic diagram of MMR-sensitive reporter gene for plants.
- 20 **Figure 8** shows derivatives of lead compounds and thereof that are inhibitors of MMR *in vivo*.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

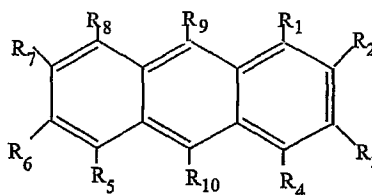
Various definitions are provided herein. Most words and terms have the meaning that would be attributed to those words by one skilled in the art. Words or terms specifically defined herein have the meaning provided in the context of the present invention as a whole and as are typically understood by those skilled in the art. Any conflict between an art-understood definition of a word or term and a definition of the word or term as specifically taught herein shall be resolved in favor of the latter. Headings used herein are for convenience and are not to be construed as limiting.

As used herein the term "anthracene" refers to the compound anthracene. However, when referred to in the general sense, such as "anthracenes," "an anthracene" or "the

anthracene," such terms denote any compound that contains the fused triphenyl core structure of anthracene, i.e.,



regardless of extent of substitution.



- 5 In certain preferred embodiments of the invention, the anthracene has the formula:
- wherein  $R_1$ - $R_{10}$  are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, O-alkyl, S-alkyl, N-alkyl, O-alkenyl, S-alkenyl, N-alkenyl, O-alkynyl, S-alkynyl, N-alkynyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aryloxy, substituted aryloxy, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, aralkyloxy, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkylaryloxy, arylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, guanidino, carboxy, an alcohol, an amino acid, sulfonate, alkyl sulfonate, CN,  $\text{NO}_2$ , an aldehyde group, an ester, an ether, a crown ether, a ketone, an organosulfur compound, an organometallic group, a carboxylic acid, an organosilicon or a carbohydrate that optionally contains one or more alkylated hydroxyl groups;
- 10 wherein said heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl contain at least one heteroatom that is oxygen, sulfur, a metal atom, phosphorus, silicon or nitrogen; and
- wherein said substituents of said substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted aryl, and substituted heteroaryl are halogen, CN,  $\text{NO}_2$ , lower alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, aralkyloxy, guanidino, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, carboxy and amino;
- 20 and wherein said amino groups optionally substituted with an acyl group, or 1 to 3 aryl or lower alkyl groups;
- or wherein any two of  $R_1$ - $R_{10}$  can together form a polyether;
- or wherein any two of  $R_1$ - $R_{10}$  can, together with the intervening carbon atoms of the anthracene core, form a crown ether.

As used herein, "alkyl" refers to a hydrocarbon containing from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms. Alkyl groups may be straight, branched, cyclic, or combinations thereof. Alkyl groups thus include, by way of illustration only, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl, and the like. Also included  
5 within the definition of "alkyl" are fused and/or polycyclic aliphatic cyclic ring systems such as, for example, adamantane. As used herein the term "alkenyl" denotes an alkyl group having at least one carbon-carbon double bond. As used herein the term "alkynyl" denotes an alkyl group having at least one carbon-carbon triple bond.

In some preferred embodiments, the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aryloxy, and  
10 heteroaryl substituent groups described above may bear one or more further substituent groups; that is, they may be "substituted". In some preferred embodiments these substituent groups can include halogens (for example fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine), CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, lower alkyl groups, aryl groups, heteroaryl groups, aralkyl groups, aralkyloxy groups, guanidino, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, carboxy and amino groups. In addition, the  
15 alkyl and aryl portions of aralkyloxy, arylalkyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and aryloxy carbonyl groups also can bear such substituent groups. Thus, by way of example only, substituted alkyl groups include, for example, alkyl groups fluoro-, chloro-, bromo- and iodoalkyl groups, aminoalkyl groups, and hydroxyalkyl groups, such as hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl, hydroxybutyl, and the like. In some preferred embodiments  
20 such hydroxyalkyl groups contain from 1 to about 20 carbons.

As used herein the term "aryl" means a group having 5 to about 20 carbon atoms and which contains at least one aromatic ring, such as phenyl, biphenyl and naphthyl. Preferred aryl groups include unsubstituted or substituted phenyl and naphthyl groups. The term  
"aryloxy" denotes an aryl group that is bound through an oxygen atom, for example a phenoxy  
25 group.

In general, the prefix "hetero" denotes the presence of at least one hetero (i.e., non-carbon) atom, which is in some preferred embodiments independently one to three O, N, S, P, Si or metal atoms. Thus, the term "heteroaryl" denotes an aryl group in which one or more ring carbon atom is replaced by such a heteroatom. Preferred heteroaryl groups include pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrrolyl, furyl, thienyl, and imidazolyl groups.

The term "aralkyl" (or "arylalkyl") is intended to denote a group having from 6 to 15 carbons, consisting of an alkyl group that bears an aryl group. Examples of aralkyl groups



In general, the prefix "hetero" denotes the presence of at least one hetero (i.e., non-carbon) atom, which is in some preferred embodiments independently one to three O, N, S, P, Si or metal atoms. Thus, the term "heteroaryl" denotes an aryl group in which one or more ring carbon atom is replaced by such a heteroatom. Preferred heteroaryl groups include  
5 pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrrolyl, furyl, thienyl, and imidazolyl groups.

The term "aralkyl" (or "arylalkyl") is intended to denote a group having from 6 to 15 carbons, consisting of an alkyl group that bears an aryl group. Examples of aralkyl groups include benzyl, phenethyl, benzhydryl and naphthylmethyl groups.

The term "alkylaryl" (or "alkaryl") is intended to denote a group having from 6 to 15  
10 carbons, consisting of an aryl group that bears an alkyl group. Examples of aralkyl groups include methylphenyl, ethylphenyl and methylnaphthyl groups.

The term "arylsulfonyl" denotes an aryl group attached through a sulfonyl group, for example phenylsulfonyl. The term "alkylsulfonyl" denotes an alkyl group attached through a sulfonyl group, for example methylsulfonyl.

15 The term "alkoxycarbonyl" denotes a group of formula  $-C(=O)-O-R$  where R is alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, where the alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl portions thereof can be optionally substituted as described herein.

The term "aryloxy" denotes a group of formula  $-C(=O)-O-R$  where R is aryl, where the aryl portion thereof can be optionally substituted as described herein.

20 The terms "aryloxy" or "alkoxy" are equivalent, and denote a group of formula  $-O-R'-R''$ , where  $R'$  is R is alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl which can be optionally substituted as described herein, and wherein  $R''$  denotes a aryl or substituted aryl group.

The terms "alkylaryloxy" or "alkaryloxy" are equivalent, and denote a group of formula  $-O-R'-R''$ , where  $R'$  is an aryl or substituted aryl group, and  $R''$  is alkyl, alkenyl, or  
25 alkynyl which can be optionally substituted as described herein.

As used herein, the term "aldehyde group" denotes a group that bears a moiety of formula  $-C(=O)-H$ . The term "ketone" denotes a moiety containing a group of formula  $-R-C(=O)-R=$ , where R and R= are independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or alkaryl, each of which may be substituted as described herein.

30 As used herein, the term "ester" denotes a moiety having a group of formula  $-R-C(=O)-O-R=$  or  $-R-O-C(=O)-R=$  where R and R= are independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or alkaryl, each of which may be substituted as described herein.

The term "ether" denotes a moiety having a group of formula -R-O-R= or where R and R= are independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or alkaryl, each of which may be substituted as described herein.

5 The term "crown ether" has its usual meaning of a cyclic ether containing several oxygen atoms. As used herein the term "organosulfur compound" denotes aliphatic or aromatic sulfur containing compounds, for example thiols and disulfides. The term "organometallic group" denotes an organic molecule containing at least one metal atom.

The term "organosilicon compound" denotes aliphatic or aromatic silicon containing compounds, for example alkyl and aryl silanes.

10 The term "carboxylic acid" denotes a moiety having a carboxyl group, other than an amino acid.

As used herein, the term "amino acid" denotes a molecule containing both an amino group and a carboxyl group. In some preferred embodiments, the amino acids are  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -,  $\gamma$ - or  $\delta$ -amino acids, including their stereoisomers and racemates. As used herein the term "L-amino acid" denotes an  $\alpha$ -amino acid having the L configuration around the  $\alpha$ -carbon, that is, a carboxylic acid of general formula  $\text{CH}(\text{COOH})(\text{NH}_2)\text{-(side chain)}$ , having the L-configuration. The term "D-amino acid" similarly denotes a carboxylic acid of general formula  $\text{CH}(\text{COOH})(\text{NH}_2)\text{-(side chain)}$ , having the D-configuration around the  $\alpha$ -carbon. Side chains of L-amino acids include naturally occurring and non-naturally occurring moieties.

15 20 Non-naturally occurring (i.e., unnatural) amino acid side chains are moieties that are used in place of naturally occurring amino acid side chains in, for example, amino acid analogs. See, for example, Lehninger, *Biochemistry*, Second Edition, Worth Publishers, Inc, 1975, pages 72-77, incorporated herein by reference. Amino acid substituents may be attached through their carbonyl groups through the oxygen or carbonyl carbon thereof, or through their amino groups, or through functionalities residing on their side chain portions.

25 As used herein "polynucleotide" refers to a nucleic acid molecule and includes genomic DNA cDNA, RNA, mRNA and the like.

As used herein "antisense oligonucleotide" refers to a nucleic acid molecule that is complementary to at least a portion of a target nucleotide sequence of interest and specifically hybridizes to the target nucleotide sequence under physiological conditions.

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As used herein "inhibitor of mismatch repair" refers to an agent that interferes with at least one function of the mismatch repair system of a cell and thereby renders the cell more

susceptible to mutation.

As used herein "hypermutable" refers to a state in which a cell *in vitro* or *in vivo* is made more susceptible to mutation through a loss or impairment of the mismatch repair system.

5 As used herein "agents," "chemicals," and "inhibitors" when used in connection with inhibition of MMR refers to chemicals, oligonucleotides, analogs of natural substrates, and the like that interfere with normal function of MMR.

Methods for developing hypermutable cells and whole organisms have been discovered by taking advantage of the conserved mismatch repair (MMR) process of a  
10 host. Dominant negative alleles of MMR genes, when introduced into cells or transgenic animals, increase the rate of spontaneous mutations by reducing the effectiveness of DNA repair and thereby render the cells or animals hypermutable. Hypermutable microbes, protozoans, insects, mammalian cells, plants or whole animals can then be utilized to develop new mutations in a gene of interest. It has been discovered that chemicals that  
15 block MMR, and thereby render cells hypermutable, is an efficient way to introduce mutations in cells and genes of interest. In addition to destabilizing the genome of cells exposed to chemicals that inhibit MMR activity may be done transiently, allowing cells to become hypermutable, and removing the chemical exposure after the desired effect (e.g., a mutation in a gene of interest) is achieved. The chemicals that inhibit MMR activity that  
20 are suitable for use in the invention include, but are not limited to, anthracene derivatives, nonhydrolyzable ATP analogs, ATPase inhibitors, antisense oligonucleotides that specifically anneal to polynucleotides encoding mismatch repair proteins, DNA polymerase inhibitors, and exonuclease inhibitors. These chemicals can enhance the rate of mutation due to inactivation of MMR yielding clones or subtypes with altered  
25 biochemical properties. Methods for identifying chemical compounds that inhibit MMR *in vivo* are also described herein.

The process of MMR, also called mismatch proofreading, is carried out by a group of protein complexes in cells ranging from bacteria to man (Harfe B.D., and S. Jinks-Robertson (2000) *An. Rev. Genet.* 34:359-399; Modrich, P. (1994) *Science*  
30 266:1959-1960). An MMR gene is a gene that encodes for one of the proteins of such a mismatch repair complex. Although not wanting to be bound by any particular theory of mechanism of action, an MMR complex is believed to detect distortions of the DNA helix

resulting from non-complementary pairing of nucleotide bases. The non-complementary base on the newer DNA strand is excised, and the excised base is replaced with the appropriate base, which is complementary to the older DNA strand. In this way, cells eliminate many mutations that occur as a result of mistakes in DNA replication.

5           Dominant negative alleles cause an MMR defective phenotype even in the presence of a wild-type allele in the same cell. An example of a dominant negative allele of an MMR gene is the human gene *hPMS2-134* (SEQ ID NO:25), which carries a truncating mutation at codon 134 (Nicolaidis, N.C. *et al.* (1998) *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 18:1635-1641). The mutation causes the product of this gene to abnormally terminate at the position of the  
10   134th amino acid, resulting in a shortened polypeptide containing the N-terminal 133 amino acids (SEQ ID NO:24). Such a mutation causes an increase in the rate of mutations, which accumulate in cells after DNA replication. Expression of a dominant negative allele of a mismatch repair gene results in impairment of mismatch repair activity, even in the presence of the wild-type allele.

15           The MMR process has been shown to be blocked by the use of nonhydrolyzable forms of ATP (Galio, L. *et al.* (1999) *Nucl. Acids Res.* 27:2325-2331; Allen, D.J. *et al.* (1997) *EMBO J.* 16:4467-4476; Bjornson, K.P. *et al.* (2000) *Biochem.* 39:3176-3183). However, it has not been demonstrated that chemicals can block MMR activity in cells. Such chemicals can be identified by screening cells for defective MMR activity. Cells  
20   from bacteria, yeast, fungi, insects, plants, animals, and humans can be screened for defective mismatch repair. Genomic DNA, cDNA, or mRNA from any cell can be analyzed for variations from the wild type sequences in cells or organisms grown in the presence of MMR blocking compounds. Various techniques of screening can be used. The suitability of such screening assays, whether natural or artificial, for use in identifying  
25   hypermutable cells, insects, fungi, plants or animals can be evaluated by testing the mismatch repair activity caused by a compound or a mixture of compounds, to determine if it is an MMR inhibitor.

          A cell, a microbe, or a whole organism such as an insect, fungus, plant or animal in which a chemical inhibitor of mismatch repair has been treated will become hypermutable.  
30   This means that the spontaneous mutation rate of such cells or whole organism is elevated compared to cells or animals without such treatment. The degree of elevation of the spontaneous mutation rate can be at least 2-fold, 5-fold, 10-fold, 20-fold, 50-fold, 100-

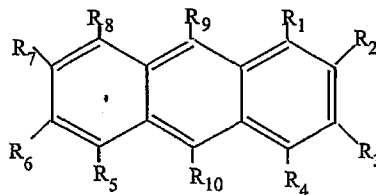
fold, 200-fold, 500-fold, or 1000-fold that of the normal cell or animal. The use of chemical mutagens such as, but limited to, N-methyl-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine (MNNG), methane sulfonate, dimethyl sulfonate, O6-methyl benzadine, ethyl methanesulfonate (EMS), methylnitrosourea (MNU), ethylnitrosourea (ENU), *etc.* can be used in MMR defective cells or whole organisms to increase the rates an additional 10 to 100 fold that of the MMR deficiency itself.

According to one aspect of the invention, a screening assay for identifying chemical inhibitors of MMR is developed and employed. A chemical compound can be in any form or class ranging from but not limited to amino acid, steroidal, aromatic, or lipid precursors. The chemical compound can be naturally occurring or made in the laboratory. The screening assay can be natural such as looking for altered endogenous repeats within an host organism's genome (as demonstrated in Figs. 4 and 5), or made in the laboratory using an MMR-sensitive reporter gene as demonstrated in Figs. 1-3).

The chemical compound can be introduced into the cell by supplementing the growth medium, or by intracellular delivery such as but not limited to using microinjection or carrier compounds.

According to another aspect of the invention, a chemical compound from the anthracene class can be exposed to MMR proficient cells or whole organism hosts, the host is grown and screened for subtypes containing genetically altered genes with new biochemical features.

The anthracene compounds that are suitable for use in the invention include, but are not limited to anthracenes having the formula:



wherein R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>10</sub> are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, O-alkyl, S-alkyl, N-alkyl, O-alkenyl, S-alkenyl, N-alkenyl, O-alkynyl, S-alkynyl, N-alkynyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aryloxy, substituted aryloxy, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, aralkyloxy, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkylaryloxy, arylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, guanidino, carboxy, an alcohol,

an amino acid, sulfonate, alkyl sulfonate, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, an aldehyde group, an ester, an ether, a crown ether, a ketone, an organosulfur compound, an organometallic group, a carboxylic acid, an organosilicon or a carbohydrate that optionally contains one or more alkylated hydroxyl groups;

5            wherein said heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl contain at least one heteroatom that is oxygen, sulfur, a metal atom, phosphorus, silicon or nitrogen; and

             wherein said substituents of said substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl,

substituted aryl, and substituted heteroaryl are halogen, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, lower alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl,  
10        aralkyl, aralkyloxy, guanidino, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, carboxy and amino;

             and wherein said amino groups optionally substituted with an acyl group, or 1 to 3 aryl or lower alkyl groups;

             or wherein any two of R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>10</sub> can together form a polyether;

             or wherein any two of R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>10</sub> can, together with the intervening carbon atoms of the  
15        anthracene core, form a crown ether.

             The method of the invention also encompasses inhibiting MMR with an anthracene of the above formula wherein R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are hydrogen, and the remaining substituents are as described above.

             The some embodiments, in the anthracene compound R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>10</sub> are independently  
20        hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or hydroxyalkyl. In other embodiments, R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>10</sub> are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, phenyl, tolyl, hydroxymethyl, hydroxypropyl, or hydroxybutyl.

             In specific embodiments of the invention the anthracenes include, but are not limited to 1,2-dimethylantracene, 9,10-dimethyl anthracene, 7,8-dimethylantracene,  
25        9,10-diphenylantracene, 9,10-dihydroxymethylantracene, 9-hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene, dimethylantracene-1,2-diol, 9-hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene-1,2-diol, 9-hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene-3,4-diol, 9, 10-di-m-tolyantracene, and the like.

             The chiral position of the side chains of the anthracenes is not particularly limited  
30        and may be any chiral position and any chiral analog. The anthracenes may also comprise a stereoisomeric forms of the anthracenes and includes any isomeric analog.

Examples of hosts are but not limited to cells or whole organisms from human, primate, mammal, rodent, plant, fish, reptiles, amphibians, insects, fungi, yeast or microbes of prokaryotic origin.

Yet another aspect of the invention is the use of ATP analogs capable of blocking ATPase activity required for MMR. MMR reporter cells are screened with ATP  
5 compound libraries to identify those compounds capable of blocking MMR *in vivo*. Examples of ATP analogs that are useful in blocking MMR activity include, but are not limited to, nonhydrolyzable forms of ATP such as AMP-PNP and ATP[gamma]S block the MMR activity (Galio, L. *et al.* (1999) *Nucl. Acids Res.* 27:2325-2331; Allen, D.J. *et al.*  
10 (1997) *EMBO J.* 16:4467-4476; Bjornson K.P. *et al.* (2000) *Biochem.* 39:3176-3183).

Yet another aspect of the invention is the use of nuclease inhibitors that are able to block the exonuclease activity of the MMR biochemical pathway. MMR reporter cells are screened with nuclease inhibitor compound libraries to identify compounds capable of blocking MMR *in vivo*. Examples of nuclease inhibitors that are useful in blocking MMR  
15 activity include, but are not limited to analogs of N-Ethylmaleimide, an endonuclease inhibitor (Huang, Y.C., *et al.* (1995) *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 316:485), heterodimeric adenine-chain-acridine compounds, exonuclease III inhibitors (Belmont P, *et al.*, *Bioorg Med Chem Lett* (2000) 10:293-295), as well as antibiotic compounds such as Heliquinomycin, which have helicase inhibitory activity (Chino, M, *et al.* *J. Antibiot.*  
20 (Tokyo) (1998) 51:480-486).

Another aspect of the invention is the use of DNA polymerase inhibitors that are able to block the polymerization required for mismatch-mediated repair. MMR reporter cells are screened with DNA polymerase inhibitor compound libraries to identify those compounds capable of blocking MMR *in vivo*. Examples of DNA polymerase inhibitors  
25 that are useful in blocking MMR activity include, but are not limited to, analogs of actinomycin D (Martin, S.J., *et al.* (1990) *J. Immunol.* 145:1859), Aphidicolin (Kuwakado, K. *et al.* (1993) *Biochem. Pharmacol.* 46:1909) 1-(2'-Deoxy-2'-fluoro-beta-L-arabinofuranosyl)-5-methyluracil (L-FMAU) (Kukhanova M, *et al.*, *Biochem Pharmacol* (1998) 55:1181-1187), and 2',3'-dideoxyribonucleoside 5'-triphosphates (ddNTPs) (Ono, K., *et al.*, *Biomed Pharmacother* (1984) 38:382-389).  
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In yet another aspect of the invention, antisense oligonucleotides are administered to cells to disrupt at least one function of the mismatch repair process. The antisense

polynucleotides hybridize to MMR polynucleotides. Both full-length and antisense polynucleotide fragments are suitable for use. "Antisense polynucleotide fragments" of the invention include, but are not limited to polynucleotides that specifically hybridize to an MMR encoding RNA (as determined by sequence comparison of nucleotides encoding the MMR to nucleotides encoding other known molecules). Identification of sequences that are substantially unique to MMR-encoding polynucleotides can be ascertained by analysis of any publicly available sequence database and/or with any commercially available sequence comparison programs. Antisense molecules may be generated by any means including, but not limited to chemical synthesis, expression in an *in vitro* transcription reaction, through expression in a transformed cell comprising a vector that may be transcribed to produce antisense molecules, through restriction digestion and isolation, through the polymerase chain reaction, and the like.

Antisense oligonucleotides, or fragments thereof may include the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs:15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 29 or sequences complementary or homologous thereto, for example. Those of skill in the art recognize that the invention may be predicted using any MMR gene. Specifically, antisense nucleic acid molecules comprise a sequence complementary to at least about 10, 15, 25, 50, 100, 250 or 500 nucleotides or an entire MMR encoding sequence. Preferably, the antisense oligonucleotides comprise a sequence complementary to about 15 consecutive nucleotides of the coding strand of the MMR encoding sequence.

In one embodiment, an antisense nucleic acid molecule is antisense to a "coding region" of the coding strand of a nucleotide sequence encoding an MMR protein. The coding strand may also include regulatory regions of the MMR sequence. The term "coding region" refers to the region of the nucleotide sequence comprising codons which are translated into amino acid residues (*e.g.*, the protein coding region of human PMS2 corresponds to the coding region SEQ ID NO:17). In another embodiment, the antisense nucleic acid molecule is antisense to a "noncoding region" of the coding strand of a nucleotide sequence encoding an MMR protein. The term "noncoding region" refers to 5' and 3' sequences which flank the coding region that are not translated into amino acids (*i.e.*, also referred to as 5' and 3' untranslated regions (UTR)).

Preferably, antisense oligonucleotides are directed to regulatory regions of a nucleotide sequence encoding an MMR protein, or mRNA corresponding thereto,



including, but not limited to, the initiation codon, TATA box, enhancer sequences, and the like. Given the coding strand sequences provided herein, antisense nucleic acids of the invention can be designed according to the rules of Watson and Crick or Hoogsteen base pairing. The antisense nucleic acid molecule can be complementary to the entire coding  
5 region of an MMR mRNA, but more preferably is an oligonucleotide that is antisense to only a portion of the coding or noncoding region of an MMR mRNA. For example, the antisense oligonucleotide can be complementary to the region surrounding the translation start site of an MMR mRNA. An antisense oligonucleotide can be, for example, about 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 nucleotides in length.

10 Screening is any process whereby a chemical compound is exposed to a cell or whole organism. The process of screening can be carried out using but not limited to a whole animal, plant, insect, microbe, or by using a suspension of one or more isolated cells in culture. The cell can be any type of eukaryotic or prokaryotic cell, including, for example, cells isolated from humans or other primates, mammals or other vertebrates,  
15 invertebrates, and single celled organisms such as protozoa, yeast, or bacteria.

In general, screening will be carried out using a suspension of cells, or a single cell, but other methods can also be applied as long as a sufficient fraction of the treated cells or tissue is exposed so that isolated cells can be grown and utilized. Techniques for chemical screening are well known to those in the art. Available techniques for screening include  
20 cell-based assays, molecular assays, and whole organism-based assays. Compounds can be added to the screening assays of the invention in order to identify those agents that are capable of blocking MMR in cells.

The screening assays of the invention provide a system wherein a cell, cells or a whole organism is contacted with a candidate compound and then tested to determine  
25 whether mismatch repair has been adversely affected. The method in which MMR is analyzed may be any known method, including, but not limited to analysis of the molecular sequence of the MMR gene, and analyzing endogenous repeats in the subject's genome. Further, the invention provides a convenient assay to analyze the effects of candidate agents on reporter genes transfected into cells.

30 MMR-inhibitors identified by the methods of the invention can be used to generate new mutations in one or more gene(s) of interest. A gene of interest can be any gene naturally possessed by a cell line, microbe or whole organism. An advantage of using

chemicals rather than recombinant technologies to block MMR are that the process is faster; there is no need to produce stable clones with a knocked out MMR gene or a clone expressing a dominant negative MMR gene allele. Another advantage is that host organisms need not be screened for integrated knock out targeting vectors or stable  
5 expression of a dominant negative MMR gene allele. Finally, once a cell, plant or animal has been exposed to the MMR-blocking compound and a new output trait is generated, the MMR process can be restored by removal of compound. Mutations can be detected by analyzing the genotype of the cell, or whole organism, for example, by examining the sequence of genomic DNA, cDNA, messenger RNA, or amino acids associated with the  
10 gene of interest. Mutations can also be detected by screening for new output traits such as hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase (HPRT) revertants. A mutant polypeptide can be detected by identifying alterations in electrophoretic mobility, spectroscopic properties, or other physical or structural characteristics of a protein encoded by a mutant gene. One can also screen for altered function of the protein *in situ*, in isolated  
15 form, or in model systems. One can screen for alteration of any property of the cell, plant or animal associated with the function of the gene of interest.

Several advantages exist in generating genetic mutations by blocking MMR *in vivo* in contrast to general DNA damaging agents such as MNNG, MNU and EMS. Cells with MMR deficiency have a wide range of mutations dispersed throughout their entire genome  
20 in contrast to DNA damaging agents such as MNNG, MNU, EMS and ionizing radiation. Another advantage is that mutant cells that arise from MMR deficiency are diploid in nature and do not lose large segments of chromosomes as is the case of DNA damaging agents such as EMS, MNU, and ionizing radiation (Honma, M. *et al.* (1997) *Mutat. Res.* 374:89-98). This unique feature allows for subtle changes throughout a host's genome that  
25 leads to subtle genetic changes yielding genetically stable hosts with commercially important output traits.

The invention also encompasses blocking MMR *in vivo* and *in vitro* and further exposing the cells or organisms to a chemical mutagen in order to increase the incidence of genetic mutation.

30 The invention also encompasses withdrawing exposure to inhibitors of mismatch repair once a desired mutant genotype or phenotype is generated such that the mutations are thereafter maintained in a stable genome.

The above disclosure generally describes the present invention. A more complete understanding can be obtained by reference to the following specific examples, which are provided herein for purposes of illustration only, and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.

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## EXAMPLES

### **EXAMPLE 1: Generation of a cell-based screening assay to identify chemicals capable of inactivating mismatch repair *in vivo*.**

A hallmark of MMR deficiency is the generation of unstable microsatellite repeats in the genome of host cells (Peinado, M.A. *et al.* (1992) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:10065-10069; Strand, M. *et al.* (1993) *Nature* 365:274-276; Parsons, R. *et al.* (1993) *Cell* 75:1227-1236). This phenotype is referred to as microsatellite instability (MI) (Harfe, B.D. and S. Jinks-Robertson (2000) *Ann. Rev. Genet.* 34:359-399; Modrich, P. (1994) *Science* 266:1959-1960; Peinado, M.A. *et al.* (1992) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:10065-10069; Perucho, M. (1996) *Biol. Chem.* 377:675-684; Hoang, J.M. *et al.* (1997) *Cancer Res.* 57:300-303; Strand, M. *et al.* (1993) *Nature* 365:274-276). MI consists of deletions and/or insertions within repetitive mono-, di- and/or tri nucleotide repetitive sequences throughout the entire genome of a host cell. Extensive genetic analysis of eukaryotic cells have found that the only biochemical defect that is capable of producing MI is defective MMR (Harfe, B.D. and S. Jinks-Robertson (2000) *Ann. Rev. Genet.* 34:359-399; Modrich, P. (1994) *Science* 266:1959-1960; Peinado, M.A. *et al.* (1992) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:10065-10069; Perucho, M. (1996) *Biol. Chem.* 377:675-684; Hoang, J.M. *et al.* (1997) *Cancer Res.* 57:300-303; Strand, M. *et al.* (1993) *Nature* 365:274-276). In light of this unique feature that defective MMR has on promoting microsatellite instability, endogenous MI is now used as a biochemical marker to survey for lack of MMR activity within host cells (Hoang, J.M. *et al.* (1997) *Cancer Res.* 57:300-303).

A method used to detect MMR deficiency in eukaryotic cells is to employ a reporter gene that has a polynucleotide repeat inserted within the coding region that disrupts its reading frame due to a frame shift. In the case where MMR is defective, the reporter gene will acquire random mutations (*i.e.*, insertions and/or deletions) within the polynucleotide repeat yielding clones that contain a reporter with an open reading frame. This reporter gene can be of any biochemical pathway such as but not limited to  $\beta$ -glucuronidase,  $\beta$ -galactosidase, neomycin resistant gene, hygromycin resistance gene,

green fluorescent protein, and the like. A schematic diagram of MMR-sensitive reporters are shown in Fig. 1, where the polynucleotide repeat can consist of mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-nucleotides. We have employed the use of a  $\beta$ -galactosidase MMR-sensitive reporter gene to measure for MMR activity in H36 cells, which are a murine hybridoma cell line. The reporter construct used is called pCAR-OF, which contains a hygromycin resistance (HYG) gene plus a  $\beta$ -galactosidase gene with a 29 bp out-of-frame poly-CA tract inserted at the 5' end of its coding region. The pCAR-OF reporter cannot generate  $\beta$ -galactosidase activity unless a frame-restoring mutation (*i.e.*, insertion or deletion) arises following transfection. This line has been shown to be sensitive to inactivated MMR where using a dominant negative MMR gene allele has found this condition to result in the production of  $\beta$ -galactosidase (unpublished data). An example of these data using the dominant negative PMS134 allele is shown in Table 1. Briefly, H36 cells were each transfected with an expression vector containing the PMS134 allele (referred to as HB134) or empty vector and the pCAR-OF vector in duplicate reactions using the protocol below. The PMS134 gene is cloned into the pEF expression vector, which contains the elongation factor promoter upstream of the cloning site followed by a mammalian polyadenylation signal. This vector also contains the NEO<sup>r</sup> gene that allows for selection of cells in G418 to identify those retaining this plasmid. Briefly, cells were transfected with 1  $\mu$ g of the PMS134 or empty vector using polyliposomes following the manufacturer's protocol (Life Technologies). Cells were then selected in 0.5 mg/ml of G418 for 10 days and G418 resistant cells were pooled together to analyze for gene expression. PMS134 positive cells, which were determined by RT-PCR and western blot (not shown) were expanded and transfected with the pCAR-OF reporter gene that contains a hygromycin (HYG) resistance gene as reporter using the protocol described above. Cells were selected in 0.5 mg/ml G418 and 0.5mg/ml HYG to select for cells retaining both the MMR effector and the pCAR-OF reporter plasmids. All cultures transfected with the pCAR vector resulted in a similar number of HYG/G418 resistant cells. Cultures were then expanded and tested for  $\beta$ -galactosidase activity *in situ* as well as by biochemical analysis of cell extracts. For *in situ* analysis, 100,000 cells were harvested and fixed in 1% gluteraldehyde, washed in phosphate buffered saline solution and incubated in 1 ml of X-gal substrate solution [0.15 M NaCl, 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 3.3 mM K<sub>4</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>, 3.3 mM K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>, 0.2% X-Gal ] in 24 well plates for 2 hours at 37°C. Reactions were stopped in 500 mM sodium bicarbonate

solution and transferred to microscope slides for analysis. Three fields of 200 cells each were counted for blue ( $\beta$ -galactosidase positive cells) or white ( $\beta$ -galactosidase negative cells) to assess for MMR inactivation. Table 1 shows the results from these studies.

While no  $\beta$ -galactosidase positive cells were observed in H36 empty vector cells and 10% of the cells per field were  $\beta$ -galactosidase positive in HB134 cultures.

**Table 1.**  $\beta$ -galactosidase expression of H36 empty vector and HB134 cells transfected with pCAR-OF reporter vectors. Cells were transfected with the pCAR-OF reporter plasmid. Transfected cells were selected in HYG and G418, expanded and stained with X-gal solution to measure for  $\beta$ -galactosidase activity (blue colored cells). 3 fields of 200 cells each were analyzed by microscopy. The results below represent the mean  $\pm$  standard deviation of these experiments.

Table 1.

CELL LINE	# BLUE CELLS
H36 empty vector	0 $\pm$ 0
HB134	20 $\pm$ 3

Cultures can be further analyzed by biochemical assays using cell extracts to measure  $\beta$ -galactosidase activity as previously described (Nicolaidis, N.C. *et al.* (1998) *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 18:1635-1641).

The data described in Table 1 show that by inhibiting the MMR activity of an MMR proficient cell host can result in MI and the altering of microsatellites in the pCAR-OF vector results in cells that produce functional  $\beta$ -galactosidase enzyme. The use of the H36pCAR-OF cell line can now be used to screen for chemicals that are able to block MMR of the H36 cell line.

## **EXAMPLE 2: Screening assays for identifying chemical blockers of MMR.**

A method for screening chemical libraries is provided in this example using the H36pCAR-OF cell line described in Example 1. This cell line is a hardy, stable line that can be formatted into 96-well microtiter plates for automated screening for chemicals that

specifically block MMR. An overview of the screening process is given in Figure 2, however, the process is not limited to the specifications within this example. Briefly, 10,000 cells in a total volume of 0.1ml of growth medium (RPMI1640 plus 10% fetal bovine serum) are added to 96-well microtiter plates containing any variety of chemical compounds. Cells are grown for 14-17 days at 37°C in 5%CO<sub>2</sub>. Cells are then lysed in the growth medium with 50µls of lysis buffer containing 0.1 M Tris buffer (pH 8.0), 0.1% Triton X-100, 45 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, 1mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1 M NaPO<sub>4</sub> and 0.6 mg/ml Chlorophenol-red- β-D-galactopyranoside (CPRG, Roche). Reactions are incubated for 1 hour, terminated by the addition of 50 µls of 0.5 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and analyzed by spectrophotometry at 576 nm.

Experimental wells are compared to untreated or vehicle treated wells to identify those with increased β-galactosidase activity. Compounds producing MMR blocking activity are then further analyzed using different cell lines containing the pCAR-OF plasmid to measure the ability to block MMR as determined by MI in MMR proficient hosts by analyzing endogenous microsatellites for instability using assays described below.

### EXAMPLE 3: Defining MMR blocking chemicals.

The identification of chemical inhibitors of MMR can be difficult in determining those that are standard mutagens from those that induce genomic instability via the blockade of MMR. This Example teaches of a method for determining blockers of MMR from more general mutagens. Once a compound has been identified in the assay described above, one can determine if the compound is a general mutagen or a specific MMR blocker by monitoring mutation rates in MMR proficient cells and a controlled subclone that is MMR defective. One feature of MMR deficiency is the increased resistance to toxicity of DNA alkylating agents that allows for enhanced rates of mutations upon mutagen exposure (Liu, L., et.al. *Cancer Res* (1996) 56:5375-5379). This unique feature allows for the use of a MMR proficient cell and a controlled line to measure for enhanced activity of a chemical compound to induce mutations in MMR proficient vs MMR deficient lines. If the compound is a true inhibitor of MMR then genetic mutations should occur in MMR proficient cells while no "enhanced" mutation rate will be found in already MMR defective cells. Using these criteria chemicals such as ICR191, which induces frameshift mutations in mammalian cells would not be considered a MMR

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blocking compound because of its ability to produce enhanced mutation rates in already MMR defective cell lines (Chen, W.D., et.al. *J Natl Cancer Inst.* (2000) 92:480-485). These screening lines include the but are not limited those in which a dominant negative MMR gene has been introduced such as that described in EXAMPLE 1 or those in which naturally MMR deficient cells such as HCT116 has been cured by introduction of a complementing MMR gene as described (Chen, W.D., et.al. *J Natl Cancer Inst.* (2000) 92:480-485).

**EXAMPLE 4: Identification of chemical inhibitors of MMR *in vivo*.**

MMR is a conserved post replicative DNA repair mechanism that repairs point mutations and insertion/deletions in repetitive sequences after cell division. The MMR requires an ATPase activity for initiation complex recognition and DNA translocation. *In vitro* assays have shown that the use of nonhydrolyzable forms of ATP such as AMP-PNP and ATP[gamma]S block the MMR activity (Galio, L. et al. (1999) *Nucl. Acids Res.* 27:2325-2331; Allen, D.J. et al. (1997) *EMBO J.* 16:4467-4476; Bjornson K.P. et al. (2000) *Biochem.* 39:3176-3183).

The use of chemicals to inhibit endogenous MMR *in vivo* has not been distinguished in the public domain. In an attempt to identify chemicals that can inhibit MMR *in vivo*, we used our H36pCAR-OF screening assay to screen for chemicals that are able to cause microsatellite instability and restoration of  $\beta$ -galactosidase activity from the pCAR-OF vector, an effect that can only be caused due to MMR deficiency. In our screening assays we used a variety of classes of compounds ranging from steroids such as pontasterone to potent alkylating agents such as EMS, to kinase and other enzyme inhibitors. Screens identified one class of chemicals that were capable of generating  $\beta$ -galactosidase positive cells. These molecules were derived from the anthracene class. An example of one such anthracene derivative for the purposes of this application is a molecule called 9,10-dimethylanthracene, referred to from here on as DMA. Fig. 3 shows the effect of DMA in shifting the pCAR-OF reporter plasmid. In contrast, general DNA alkylating agents such as EMS or MNNG did not result in MI and/or the shifting of the polynucleotide tract in the pCAR-OF reporter.

The most likely explanation for the differences in  $\beta$ -galactosidase activity was that the DMA compound disturbed MMR activity, resulting in a higher frequency of mutation



within the pCAR-OF reporter and re-establishing the ORF. To directly test the hypothesis that MMR was altered, we employ a biochemical assay for MMR with the individual clones as described by Nicolaides *et al.*, 1997 (Nicolaides, N.C. *et al.* (1998) *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 18:1635-1641). Nuclear extracts are prepared from the clones and incubated with  
5 heteroduplex substrates containing either a /CA\ insertion-deletion or a G/T mismatch under conditions described previously. The /CA\ and G/T heteroduplexes are used to test repair from the 3' and 5' directions, respectively as described (Nicolaides, N.C. *et al.* (1998) *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 18:1635-1641).

## 10 **Biochemical assays for mismatch repair.**

### **Enzymatic Repair Assays:**

MMR activity in nuclear extracts is performed as described, using 24 fmol of substrate (Nicolaides, N.C. *et al.* (1998) *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 18:1635-1641).

Complementation assays are done by adding ~ 100 ng of purified MutLa or MutSa  
15 components to 100 µg of nuclear extract, adjusting the final KCl concentration to 100 mM (Nicolaides, N.C. *et al.* (1998) *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 18:1635-1641). The substrates used in these experiments contain a strand break 181 nucleotides 5' or 125 nucleotides 3' to the mismatch.

## 20 **Biochemical Activity Assays:**

To demonstrate the direct effect to small molecules on MMR proteins, molecular assays such as mismatch binding and MMR complex formation are performed in the presence or absence of drug. Briefly, MMR gene cDNAs are PCR amplified using primers encompassing the entire coding regions of the known MMR proteins MSH2 (SEQ ID  
25 NO:20), GTBP (SEQ ID NO:26), MLH1 (SEQ ID NO:22), human PMS2 (SEQ ID NO:16), mouse PMS2 (SEQ ID NO:14), PMS1 (SEQ ID NO:18), and MHS3 (SEQ ID NO:28) from any species with a sense primer containing a T7 promoter and a Kozak translation signal as previously described (Nicolaides, N.C. *et al.* (1998) *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 18:1635-1641). The coding regions of known MMR proteins include the sequences shown  
30 in Table 3 for mouse *PMS2* (SEQ ID NO:15), human *PMS2* (SEQ ID NO:17), human *PMS1* (SEQ ID NO:19), human *MSH2* (SEQ ID NO:21), human *MLH1* (SEQ ID NO:23), and human *MSH3* (SEQ ID NO:29). Products are transcribed and translated using the

TNT system (Promega). An example of PCR primers and *in vitro* transcription-translation reactions are listed below.

**In vitro transcription-translation:**

- 5           Linear DNA fragments containing *hPMS2* (SEQ ID NO:17) and *hMLH1* (SEQ ID NO:23) cDNA sequences were prepared by PCR, incorporating sequences for *in vitro* transcription and translation in the sense primer. A full-length *hMLH1* fragment was prepared using the sense primer
- 5'-ggatcctaatacagactcactatagggagaccaccatgctgctcgtggcagg-3' (SEQ ID NO:1)(codons 1-6)
- 10          and the antisense primer 5'-taagtcttaagtgtaccaac-3' (SEQ ID NO:2)(located in the 3' untranslated region, nt 2411-2433), using a wild-type *hMLH1* cDNA clone as template. A full-length *hPMS2* fragment was prepared with the sense primer
- 5'-ggatcctaatacagactcactatagggagaccaccatggaacaattgcctgcgg-3' (SEQ ID NO:3)(codons 1-6)
- 15          and the antisense primer 5'-aggtagtgaagactctgtc-3' (SEQ ID NO:4)(located in 3' untranslated region, nt 2670-2690) using a cloned *hPMS2* cDNA as template. These fragments were used to produce proteins via the coupled transcription-translation system (Promega). The reactions were supplemented with <sup>35</sup>S-labelled methionine or unlabelled methionine. Lower molecular weight bands are presumed to be degradation products and/or polypeptides translated from alternative internal methionines.
- 20           To study the effects of MMR inhibitors, assays are used to measure the formation of MLH1 and PMS2 with or without compound using polypeptides produced in the TNT System (Promega) followed by immunoprecipitation (IP). To facilitate the IP, tags may be placed at the C-terminus of the PMS2 protein to use for antibody binding or antibodies directed to the MMR protein itself can be used for IP.

25          **Immunoprecipitations:**

- Immunoprecipitations are performed on *in vitro* translated proteins by mixing the translation reactions with 1 µg of the MLH1 specific monoclonal antibody (mAb) MLH14 (Oncogene Science, Inc.), a polyclonal antibody generated to codons 2-20 of hPMS2 described above, or a polyclonal antibody generated to codons 843-862 of hPMS2 (Santa
- 30          Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.) in 400 µl of EBC buffer (50 mM Tris, pH 7.5, 0.1 M NaCl, 0.5% NP40). After incubation for 1 hr at 4°C, protein A sepharose (Sigma) is added to a final concentration of 10% and reactions are incubated at 4°C for 1 hour. Proteins bound

to protein A are washed five times in EBC and separated by electrophoresis on 4-20% Tris-glycine gels, which are then dried and autoradiographed.

Compounds that block heterodimerization of mutS or mutL proteins can now be identified using this assay.

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**EXAMPLE 5: Use of chemical MMR inhibitors yields microsatellite instability in human cells**

In order to demonstrate the global ability of a chemical inhibitor of MMR in host cells and organisms, we treated human HEK293 cells (referred to as 293 cells) with DMA and measured for microsatellite instability of endogenous loci using the BAT26 diagnostic marker (Hoang J.M. *et al.* (1997) *Cancer Res.* 57:300-303). Briefly, 10<sup>5</sup> cells were grown in control medium or 250  $\mu$ M DMA, a concentration that is found to be non-toxic, for 14 to 17 days. Cells are then harvested and genomic DNA isolated using the salting out method (Nicolaidis, N.C. *et al.* (1991) *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 11:6166-6176.).

15 Various amounts of test DNAs from HCT116 (a human colon epithelial cell line) and 293 were first used to determine the sensitivity of our microsatellite test. The BAT26 alleles are known to be heterogeneous between these two cell lines and the products migrate at different molecular weights (Nicolaidis personal observation). DNAs were diluted by limiting dilution to determine the level of sensitivity of the assay. DNAs were PCR amplified using the BAT26F: 5'-tgactacttttgacttcagcc-3' (SEQ ID NO:43) and the BAT26R: 5'-aaccattcaacatttttaaccc-3' (SEQ ID NO:44) primers in buffers as described (Nicolaidis, N.C. *et al.* (1995) *Genomics* 30:195-206). Briefly 1 pg to 100 ngs of DNA were amplified using the following conditions: 94°C for 30 sec, 58°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 30 sec for 30 cycles. PCR reactions were electrophoresed on 12% polyacrylamide TBE gels (Novex) or 4% agarose gels and stained with ethidium bromide. These studies found that 0.1 ng of genomic DNA was the limit of detection using our conditions.

To measure for microsatellite stability in 293 cells grown with or without DMA, 0.1 ngs of DNA from DMA-treated or control 293 cells were amplified using the reaction conditions above. Forty individual reactions were carried out for each sample to measure for minor alleles. Fig. 4A shows a typical result from these studies whereby BAT26 alleles were amplified from DMA-treated and untreated cells and analyzed on 12% PAGE gels (Novex). Alleles from DMA-treated cells showed the presence of an altered allele

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(asterisk) that migrated differently from the wild type allele. No altered alleles were found in the MMR-proficient control cells as expected since MI only occurs in MMR defective cell hosts. To confirm these data, PCRs were repeated using isolated BAT26 products. Primers and conditions were the same as described above except that reactions were  
5 amplified for 20 cycles. PCR products were gel-purified and cloned into T-tailed vectors (InVitrogen) as suggested by the manufacturer. Recombinant clones from DMA-treated and control cells were screened by PCR again using the BAT26 primers. Fifty bacterial colonies were analyzed for BAT26 structure by directly adding an aliquot of live bacteria to the PCR mix. PCR reactions were carried out as described above, and products were  
10 electrophoresed on 4% agarose gels and stained with ethidium bromide. As shown in Figure 4B, microsatellites from DMA-treated cells had alterations (asterisks) that made the marker length larger or smaller than the wild type allele found in control cells.

To confirm that these differences in molecular weight were due to shifts within the polynucleotide repeat, a hallmark of defective MMR, five clones from each sample were  
15 sequenced using an ABI automated sequencer with an M13-R primer located in the T-tail vector backbone. Sequence analysis revealed that the control cell clone used in our studies was homozygous for the BAT26 allele with a 26nt polyA repeat. Cells treated with DMA found multiple alleles ranging from the wild-type with 26 polyA repeat to shorter alleles (24 polyA repeat) and larger alleles (28 polyA repeat) (Fig. 5).

20 These data corroborate the H36pCAR data in Example 1 and Fig. 3 and demonstrates the ability to block MMR with a chemical in a range of hosts.

#### **Example 6: Chemical inhibitors of MMR generate DNA hypermutability in Plants and new phenotypes.**

25 To determine if chemical inhibitors of MMR work across a diverse array of organisms, we explored the activity of DMA on *Arabidopsis thaliana* (AT), a member of the mustard plant family, as a plant model system to study the effects of DMA on generating MMR deficiency, genome alterations, and new output traits.

Briefly, AT seeds were sterilized with straight commercial bleach and 100 seeds  
30 were plated in 100mm Murashige and Skoog (MS) phytagar (Life Technology) plates with increasing amounts of DMA (ranging from 100µm to 50mM). A similar amount of seeds were plated on MS phytagar only or in MS phytagar with increasing amounts of EMS

(100µM to 50mM), a mutagen commonly used to mutate AT seeds (McCallum, C.M.*et al.* (2000) *Nat. Biotechnol.* 18:455-457). Plates were grown in a temperature-controlled, fluorescent-lighted humidifier (Percival Growth Chamber) for 10 days. After 10 days, seeds were counted to determine toxicity levels for each compound. Table 2 shows the number of healthy cells/treatment as determined by root formation and shoot formation. Plantlets that were identical to untreated seeds were scored healthy. Seeds with stunted root or shoot formation were scored intermediate (inter). Non-germinated seeds were scored dead.

**Table 2: Toxicity curve of DMA and EMS on *Arabidopsis* (per 100 cells)**

	0	0.1	0.5	1.0	2.5	5.0	10	12.5	25	50
<b>DMA</b>										
Healthy	100	94	99	99	80	85	65	0	0	0
Inter	0	0	0	0	20	15	32	85	100	0
Dead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
<b>EMS</b>										
Healthy	99	100	45	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inter	0	0	54	75	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dead	0	0	0	0	100	100	100	100	100	87

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The data in Table 2 show that DMA toxicity occurs at 10mM of continuous culture, while toxicity occurs at 250 µM for EMS. Next, 50 seeds were plated in two 150mm dishes containing 2mM DMA, 250 µM EMS or no drug. Seeds were grown for 10 days and then 10 plants from each plate were transferred to soil. All plants appeared to be similar in color and height. Plants were grown at room temperature with daily cycles of 18 hr light and 6 hr dark. After 45 days seeds are harvested from siliques and stored in a desiccator at 4°C for 72 hours. Seeds are then sterilized and 100 seeds from each plant is sown directly into water-saturated soil and grown at room temperature with daily cycles of 18 hr light and 6 hr dark. At day 10 phenotypically distinct plants were found in 7 out of 118 DMA treated while no phenotypic difference was observed in 150 EMS-treated or 150 control plants. These 7 altered plants were light green in color and appeared to grow

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slower. Fig. 6 shows a typical difference between the DMA altered plant and controls. DMA-exposed plants produced offspring that were yellow in appearance in contrast to dark green, which is always found in wild-type plants. In addition, the yellow plants were also shorter. After 30 days, most wild-type plants produced flowers and siliques, while the  
5 7 mutants just began flowering. After 45 days, control plants were harvested while mutant plants were harvested 10 to 15 days later. No such effects were observed in 150 plantlets from EMS treated plants.

The effect of DMA on MMR was confirmed by monitoring the structure of endogenous polynucleotide repeat markers within the plant genome. DNA was extracted  
10 using the DNazol method following the manufacturer's protocol (Life Technology). Briefly, two leaves were harvested from DMA, EMS or untreated plants and DNA was extracted. DNAs were quantified by optical density using a BioRad Spectrophotometer. In *Arabidopsis*, a series of poly-A (A)<sub>n</sub>, (CA)<sub>n</sub> and (GA)<sub>n</sub> markers were found as a result of EMBL and GenBank database searches of DNA sequence data generated as a result of the  
15 *Arabidopsis* genome-sequencing project. Two markers that are naturally occurring, ATHACS and Nga128 are used to monitor microsatellite stability using primers described (Bell, C.J. and J.R. Ecker (1994) *Genomics* 19:137-144). ATHACS has a stretch of thirty-six adenine repeats (A)<sub>36</sub> whereas Nga128 is characterized by a di-nucleotide AG repeat that is repeated nineteen times (AG)<sub>19</sub> while the Nga280 marker contains a polyAG repeat  
20 marker with 15 dinucleotides. DMA-mediated alterations of these markers are measured by a PCR assay. Briefly, the genomic DNA is amplified with specific primers in PCR reaction buffers described above using 1-10ng plant genomic DNA. Primers for each marker are listed below:

nga280:

25 nga280-F: 5'-CTGATCTCACGGACAATAGTGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:5)  
nga280-R: 5'-GGCTCCATAAAAAGTGCACC-3' (SEQ ID NO:6)

nga128:

30 nga128-F: 5'-GGTCTGTTGATGTCGTAAGTCG-3' (SEQ ID NO:7)  
nga128-R: 5'-ATCTTGAAACCTTTAGGGAGGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:8)

ATHACS:

ATHACS-F: 5'-AGAAGTTTAGACAGGTAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:9)  
ATHACS-R: 5'-AAATGTGCAATTGCCTTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:10)  
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Cycling conditions are 94°C for 15 seconds, 55°C for 15 seconds and 72°C for 30 seconds, conditions that have been demonstrated to efficiently amplify these two markers (personal observation, Morphotek). PCR products are analyzed on 3.5% metaphor agarose gel in Tris-Acetate-EDTA buffer following staining with ethidium bromide.

5 Another method used to demonstrate that biochemical activity of a plant host's MMR is through the use of reporter genes disrupted by a polynucleotide repeat, similar to that described in Example 1 and Fig. 1. Due to the high endogenous  $\beta$ -galactosidase background, we engineered a plant compatible MMR-sensitive reporter gene consisting of the  $\beta$ -glucoronidase (GUS) gene with a mononucleotide repeat that was inserted just  
10 downstream of the initiation codon. Two reporter constructs were generated. pGUS-OF, contained a 20 base adenine repeat inserted just downstream of the initiating methionine that resulted in a frameshift, therefore producing a nonfunctional enzyme. The second, pGUS-IF, contained a 19 base adenine repeat that retained an open reading frame and served as a control for  $\beta$ -glucoronidase activity. Both constructs were generated by PCR  
15 using the pBI-121 vector (Life Technologies) as template. The antisense primer was directed to the 3' end of the Nopaline Synthase (NOS) polytermination sequence contained within the pBI-121 plasmid and contained a unique *EcoRI* restriction site to facilitate cloning of the vector into the pBI-121 binary vector backbone. The sense primers contained a unique *BamHI* restriction site to facilitate cloning of the chimeric GUS  
20 reporter gene into the pBI-121 binary vector backbone. The primers used to generate each reporter are:

1. sense primer for pGUS-IF (uidA-ATG-polyA-IF):  
25 5'- CCC GGA TCC ATG TTA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA CGT CCT GTA GAA ACC-3' (SEQ ID NO:11)
2. sense primer for pGUS-OF (uidA-ATG-polyA-OF):  
5'- CCC GGA TCC ATG TTA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA ACG TCC TGT AGA AAC C-3' (SEQ ID NO:12)
- 30 3. antisense primer (Nos-term):  
5'- CCC GAA TTC CCC GAT CTA GTA ACA TAG ATG-3' (SEQ ID NO:13)

PCR amplifications were carried out using reaction buffers described above.  
35 Reactions were performed using 1 ng of pBI-121 vector as template (Life Technologies) and the appropriate corresponding primers. Amplifications were carried at 94°C for 30

seconds, 54°C for 60 seconds and 72°C for 60 seconds for 25 cycles. PCR products of the expected molecular weight was gel purified, cloned into T-tailed vectors (InVitrogen), and sequenced to ensure authentic sequence using the following primers: CaMV-FORW. [= 5'-gat atc tcc act gac gta ag-3'] (SEQ ID NO:30) for sequencing from the CaMV promoter into the 5' end of GUS cDNAs; NOSpA-42F [= 5'-tgt tgc cgg tct tgc gat g-3'] (SEQ ID NO:31) for sequencing of the NOS terminator; NOSpA-Cend-R [= 5'-ccc gat cta gta aca tag atg-3'] (SEQ ID NO:32) for sequencing from the NOS terminator into the 3' end of the GUS cDNAs; GUS-63F [= 5'-cag tct gga tcg cga aaa ctg-3'] (SEQ ID NO:33), GUS-441F [= 5'-ggg gat tac cga cga aaa cg-3'] (SEQ ID NO:34), GUS-825F [= 5'-agt gaa ggg cga aca gtt cc-3'] (SEQ ID NO:35), GUS-1224F [= 5'-gag tat tgc caa cga acc-3'] (SEQ ID NO:36), GUS-1596F [= 5'-gta tca ccg cgt ctt tga tc-3'] (SEQ ID NO:37), GUS-265R [= 5'-cga aac gca gca cga tac g-3'] (SEQ ID NO:38), GUS-646R [= 5'-gtt caa cgc tga cat cac c-3'] (SEQ ID NO:39), GUS-1033R [= 5'-cat gtt cat ctg ccc agt cg-3'] (SEQ ID NO:40), GUS-1425R [= 5'-gct ttg gac ata cca tcc-3'] (SEQ ID NO:41), and GUS-1783R [= 5'-cac cga agt tca tgc cag-3'] (SEQ ID NO:42) for the sequence of the full length GUS cDNAs. No mutation were found in either the OF or IF version of the GUS cDNA, and the expected frames for both cDNAs were also confirmed. pCR-IF-GUS and pCR-OF-GUS plasmids were subsequently digested with the BamH I and EcoR I restriction endonucleases, to generate DNA fragments containing the GUS cDNA along with the NOS terminator. These fragments were ligated into the BamH I and the EcoR I sites of the pBI-121 plasmid, which was prepared for cloning by cutting it with the same enzymes to release the wild type GUS cDNA. The resulting constructs (pBI-IF-GUS and pBI-OF-GUS) were subsequently digested with Hind III and EcoR I to release the DNA fragments encompassing the CaMV promoter, the IF or OF GUS cDNA, and the NOS terminator. Finally, these fragments were ligated into the correspondent restriction sites present in the pGPTV-HPT binary vector (ATCC) to obtain the pCMV-IF-GUS-HPT and pCMV-OF-GUS-HPT binary vectors.

The resulting vectors, CMV-OF-GUS-HPT and CMV-IF-GUS-HPT now contain the CaMV35S promoter from the Cauliflower Mosaic 35 S Virus driving the GUS gene followed by a NOS terminator and polyadenylation signal (Fig. 7). In addition, this vector also contains a hygromycin resistance gene as a selectable marker that is used to select for plants containing this reporter.



**Generation of GUS reporter-expressing *Arabidopsis thaliana* transgenic plants.**

*Agrobacterium tumefaciens* bacteria are used to shuttle binary expression vectors into plants. To generate  $\beta$ -glucuronidase-expressing *Arabidopsis thaliana* (*A. thaliana*) plants, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* cells (strain GV3101) were electroporated with the  
5 CMV-OF-GUS-HPT or the CMV-IF-GUS-HPT binary vector using methods known by those skilled in the art. Briefly, one-month old *A. thaliana* (ecotype Columbia) plants were infected by immersion in a solution containing 5% sucrose, 0.05% silwet and binary vector-transformed *Agrobacteria* cells for 10 seconds. These plants were then grown at 25°C under a 16 hour day and 8 hour dark photoperiod. After 4 weeks, seeds (referred to as  
10 T1) were harvested and dried for 5 days. Thirty thousands seeds from ten CMV-OF-GUS-HPT or CMV-IF-GUS-HPT-transformed plants were sown in solid Murashige and Skoog (MS) media plates in the presence of 20  $\mu$ g/ml of hygromycin (HYG). Three hundred plants were found to be HYG resistant and represented GUS expressing plants. These plants along with 300 control plants were grown in MS media for two weeks and then  
15 transferred to soil. Plants were grown for an additional four weeks under standard conditions at which time T2 seeds were harvested.

To confirm the integration and stability of the GUS vector in the plant genome, gene segregation and PCR analyses were conducted. Commonly, three out of four T1 plants transformed by *Agrobacteria* technology are expected to carry the vector inserted  
20 within a single locus and are therefore considered heterozygous for the integrated gene. Approximately 75% of the seeds (T2) generated from most of the T1 plants were found HYG-resistant and this in accordance with the expected 1:2:1 ratio of null (no GUS containing plants), heterozygous, and homozygous plants, respectively, in self-pollinating conditions. To confirm that these plants contained the GUS expression vector, genomic  
25 DNA was isolated from leaves of T1 plants using the DNazol-mediated technique as described above. One ng of genomic DNA was analyzed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to confirm the presence of the GUS vector. PCR was carried out for 25 cycles with the following parameters: 95°C for 30 seconds; 54°C for 1 minute; and 72°C for 2 minutes using primers listed above. Positive reactions were observed in DNA from CMV-OF-  
30 GUS-HPT and CMV-IF-GUS-HPT-transformed plants and not from control (uninfected) plants.

In order to assess the expression of the GUS in T1 plants, leaf tissue was collected from T1 plants, homogenized in liquid nitrogen using glass pestles, and suspended in RLT lysing buffer (Qiagen, RNeasy plant RNA extraction kit). Five micrograms of total RNA was purified according to the manufacturer's suggested protocol and then loaded onto a  
5 1.2% agarose gel (1x MOPS buffer, 3% formaldehyde), size-fractionated by electrophoresis, and transferred onto N-Hybrid+ membrane (Amersham). Each membrane was incubated at 55°C in 10 ml of hybridization solution (North2South labeling kit, Pierce) containing 100 ng of GUS, tubulin, or HYG probes, which were generated by PCR amplification, according to the manufacturer's directions. Membranes were washed three  
10 times in 2x SSC, 0.1% SDS at 55°C, and three times in 2x SSC at ambient temperature. Detection was carried out using enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL). GUS message was detected in three out of ten analyzed transgenic lines, while no signal was found in the control plants. Collectively these studies demonstrated the generation of GUS expressing transgenic *A. thaliana* plants.

15 To determine the status of MMR activity in host plants, one can measure for the production of functional  $\beta$ -glucuronidase by staining plant leaves or roots *in situ* for  $\beta$ -glu activity. Briefly, plant tissue is washed twice with water and fixed in 4 mls of 0.02% glutaraldehyde for 15 minutes. Next, tissue is rinsed with water and incubated in X-glu solution [0.1M NaPO<sub>4</sub>, 2.5 mM K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>, 2.5mM K<sub>4</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>, 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and 1  
20 mg/ml X-GLU (5 bromo-4-chloro-3-indoyl-  $\beta$ -D-glucuronide sodium salt) (Gold Biotechnology)] for 6 hours at 37°C. Tissues are then washed twice in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) solution, once in 70% ethanol and incubated for 4 hours in methanol:acetone (3:1) for 8 hours to remove chlorophyll. Tissues are then washed twice in PBS and stored in PBS with 50% glycerol. Plant tissue with functional GUS activity will stain blue.

25 The presence of GUS activity in CMV-IF-GUS-HPT plants indicates that the in-frame N-terminus insertion of the poly A repeat does not disrupt the GUS protein function. The CMV-OF-GUS-HPT plants treated with DMA, EMS or untreated are tested to determine if these plants produce GUS activity. The presence of GUS activity in DMA treated plants indicates that the polyA repeat was altered, therefore, resulting in a frame-  
30 restoring mutation. Agents such as EMS, which are known to damage DNA by alkylation cannot affect the stability of a polynucleotide repeat. This data indicates that plants are defective for MMR, the only process known to be responsible for MI.

These data demonstrate the utility and power of using a chemical inhibitor of MMR to generate a high degree of genetic alteration that is not capable by means of standard DNA damaging drugs. Moreover, this application teaches of the use of reporter genes such as GUS-OF in plants to monitor for the MMR activity of a plant host.

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**EXAMPLE 7: Use of chemical MMR inhibitors yields microsatellite instability in microbes.**

To demonstrate the ability of chemical inhibitors to block MMR in a wide range of hosts, we employed the use of *Pichia* yeast containing a pGUS-OF reporter system similar to that described in Example 5. Briefly, the GUS-OF and GUS-IF gene, which contains a polyA repeat at the N-terminus of the protein was subcloned from the pCR-IF-GUS and pCR-OF-GUS plasmids into the EcoRI site of the pGP vector, which is a constitutively expressed yeast vector containing a zeocin resistance gene as selectable marker. pGP-GUS-IF and pGP-GUS-OF vectors were electroporated into competent *Pichia* cells using standard methods known by those skilled in the art. Cells were plated on YPD agar (10g/L yeast extract; 20 g/L peptone; 2% glucose; 1.5% bactoagar) plates containing 100 µg/ml zeocin. Recombinant yeast are then analyzed for GUS expression/function by replica plating on YPD agar plates containing 100 µg/ml zeocin plus 1 mg/ml X-glu (5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indoyl-beta-D-glucuronide sodium salt) and grown at 30°C for 16 hours. On hundred percent of yeast expressing GUS-IF were found to turn blue in the presence of the X-glu substrate while none of the control yeast turned blue. None of the yeast containing the GUS-OF turned blue in the presence of the X-glu substrate under normal growth conditions.

To demonstrate the ability of chemicals to block MMR in yeast, GUS-OF and control cells were incubated with 300 µM DMA, EMS, or no chemical for 48 hours. After incubation, yeast were plated on YPD-ZEO-X-GLU plates and grown at 30°C for 16 hours. After incubation, a subset of yeast expressing GUS-OF contain blue subclones, while none are seen in EMS or control cells. These data demonstrate the ability of chemicals to block MMR of microbes *in vivo* to produce subclones with new output traits.

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**EXAMPLE 8: Classes of other chemicals capable of blocking MMR in vivo**

The discovery of anthracene compounds presents a new method for blocking MMR activity of host organisms *in vivo*. While 9,10-dimethylantracene (DMA) was found to block MMR in cell hosts, other analogs with a similar chemical composition from this class are also claimed in this invention. These include anthracene and related analogs such as 9,10-diphenylantracene and 9,10-di-M-tolylantracene. Myers *et al.* ((1988) *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 151:1441-1445) disclosed that at high concentrations, DMA acts as a potent weak mutagen, while metabolized forms of DMA are the "active" ingredients in promoting mutation. This finding suggests that metabolites of anthracene-based compounds may also act as active inhibitors of MMR *in vivo*. For instance, metabolism of anthracene and 9,10-dimethylantracene by *Micrococcus sp.*, *Pseudomonas sp.* and *Bacillus macerans* microbes have found a number of anthracene and 9,10-dimethylantracene metabolites are formed. These include anthracene and 9,10-dimethylantracene cis-dihydrodiols, hydroxy-methyl-derivatives and various phenolic compounds. Bacteria metabolize hydrocarbons using the dioxygenase enzyme system, which differs from the mammalian cytochrome P-450 monooxygenase. These findings suggest the use of bacteria for biotransforming anthracene and DMA for additional MMR blocking compounds (Traczewska, T.M. *et al.* (1991) *Acta. Microbiol. Pol.* 40:235-241). Metabolism studies of DMA by rat-liver microsomal preparations has found that this molecule is converted to 9-Hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene (9-OHMeMA) and 9,10-dihydroxymethyl-anthracene (9,10-DiOHMeA) (Lamparczyk, H.S. *et al.* (1984) *Carcinogenesis* 5:1405-1410). In addition, the trans-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxy derivative of DMA (DMA 1,2-diol) was found to be a major metabolite as determined by chromatographic, ultraviolet (UV), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), and mass spectral properties. DMA 1,2-diol was also created through the oxidation of DMA in an ascorbic acid-ferrous sulfate-EDTA system. Other dihydrodiols that are formed from DMA by metabolism are the trans-1,2- and 3,4-dihydrodiols of 9-OHMeMA (9-OHMeMA 1,2-diol and 9-OHMeMA 3,4-diol) while the further metabolism of DMA 1,2-diol can yield both of these dihydrodiols. Finally, when 9-OHMeMA is further metabolized, two main metabolites are formed; one was identified as 9,10-DiOHMeA and the other appeared to be 9-OHMeMA 3,4-diol.

The metabolism of 9-methylanthracene (9-MA), 9-hydroxymethylanthracene (9-OHMA), and 9,10-dimethylanthracene (9,10-DMA) by fungus also has been reported (Cerniglia, C.E. *et al.* (1990) *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 56:661-668). These compounds are also useful for generating DMA derivatives capable of blocking MMR. Compounds 9-MA and 9,10-DMA are metabolized by two pathways, one involving initial hydroxylation of the methyl group(s) and the other involving epoxidation of the 1,2- and 3,4- aromatic double bond positions, followed by enzymatic hydration to form hydroxymethyl trans-dihydrodiols. For 9-MA metabolism, the major metabolites identified are trans-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxy and trans-3,4-dihydro-3,4-dihydroxy derivatives of 9-MA and 9-OHMA, whereby 9-OHMA can be further metabolized to trans-1,2- and 3,4-dihydrodiol derivatives. Circular dichroism spectral analysis revealed that the major enantiomer for each dihydrodiol was predominantly in the S,S configuration, in contrast to the predominantly R,R configuration of the trans-dihydrodiol formed by mammalian enzyme systems. These results indicate that *Caenorhabditis elegans* metabolizes methylated anthracenes in a highly stereoselective manner that is different from that reported for rat liver microsomes.

The analogs as listed above provide an example but are not limited to anthracene-derived compounds capable of eliciting MMR blockade. Additional analogs that are of potential use for blocking MMR are shown in Fig.8.

#### **Other classes of small molecular weight compounds that are capable of blocking MMR *in vivo*.**

MMR is a multi-step process that involves the formation of protein complexes that detect mismatched bases or altered repetitive sequences and interface these mutations with enzymes that degrade the mutant base and repair the DNA with correct nucleotides. First, mismatched DNA is recognized by the mutS heterodimeric complex consisting of MSH2 and GTBP proteins. The DNA bound mutS complex is then recognized by the mutL heterdimeric complex that consists of PMS2 and MLH1 proteins. The mutL complex is thought to interface exonucleases with the mismatched DNA site, thus initiating this specialized DNA repair process. After the mismatched bases are removed, the DNA is repaired with a polymerase.

There are several steps in the normal process that can be targeted by small molecular weight compounds to block MMR. This application teaches of these steps and the types of compounds that may be used to block this process.

#### 5 **ATPase inhibitors:**

- The finding that nonhydrolyzable forms of ATP are able to suppress MMR *in vitro* also suggest that the use for this type of compound can lead to blockade of MMR *in vivo* and mutation a host organism's genome (Galio, L. *et al.* (1999) *Nucl. Acids Res.* 27:2325-2331; Allen, D.J. *et al.* (1997) *EMBO J.* 16:4467-4476; Bjornson, K.P. *et al.* (2000) *Biochem.* 39:3176-3183). One can use a variety of screening methods described within this application to identify ATP analogs that block the ATP-dependent steps of mismatch repair *in vivo*.

#### **Nuclease inhibitors:**

- 15 The removal of mismatched bases is a required step for effective MMR (Harfe, B.D. and S. Jinks-Robertson (2000) *Ann. Rev. Genet.* 34:359-399). This suggests that compounds capable of blocking this step can lead to blockade of MMR *in vivo* and mutation a host organism's genome. One can use a variety of screening methods described within this application to identify nuclease inhibitors analogs that block the nuclease steps  
20 of mismatch repair *in vivo*. An example of the types of nuclease inhibitors are but not limited to analogs of N-Ethylmaleimide, an endonuclease inhibitor (Huang, Y.C., et.al. (1995) *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 316:485), heterodimeric adenine-chain-acridine compounds, exonuclease III inhibitors (Belmont P, et.al., *Bioorg Med Chem Lett* (2000) 10:293-295), as well as antibiotic compounds such as Heliquinomycin, which have  
25 helicase inhibitory activity (Chino, M, et.al. *J. Antibiot. (Tokyo)* (1998) 51:480-486).

#### **Polymerase inhibitors:**

- Short and long patch repair is a required step for effective MMR (Modrich, P. (1994) *Science* 266:1959-1960). This suggests that compounds capable of blocking  
30 MMR-associated polymerization can lead to blockade of MMR *in vivo* and mutation a host organism's genome. One can use a variety of screening methods described within this application to identify polymerase inhibitors analogs that block the polymerization steps of

mismatch repair *in vivo*. An example of DNA polymerase inhibitors that are useful in blocking MMR activity include, but are not limited to, analogs of actinomycin D (Martin, S.J., et.al. (1990) *J. Immunol.* 145:1859), Aphidicolin (Kuwakado, K. et.al. (1993) *Biochem. Pharmacol.* 46:1909) 1-(2'-Deoxy-2'-fluoro-beta-L-arabinofuranosyl)-5-methyluracil (L-FMAU) (Kukhanova M, et.al., *Biochem Pharmacol* (1998) 55:1181-1187), and 2',3'-dideoxyribonucleoside 5'-triphosphates (ddNTPs) (Ono, K., et.al., *Biomed Pharmacother* (1984) 38:382-389).

### Chemical Inhibitors of Mismatch Repair Gene Expression

MMR is a multi-protein process that requires the cooperation of several proteins such as but not limited to mutS homologs, MSH2, MSH3, MSH6, GTBP; mutL homologs PMS1, PMS2, MLH1; and exonucleases and helicases such as MutH and MutY (Harfe, B.D. and S. Jinks-Robertson (2000) *Ann. Rev. Genet.* 34:359-399; Modrich, P. (1994) *Science* 266:1959-1960). Chemicals capable of blocking the expression of these genes can lead to the blockade of MMR. An example of a chemical that is capable of blocking MMR gene expression is an oligodeoxynucleotide that can specifically bind and degrade an MMR gene message and protein production as described by Chauhan DP, et.al. (*Clin Cancer Res* (2000) 6:3827-3831). One can use a variety of screening methods described within this application to identify inhibitors that block the expression and/or function of MMR genes *in vivo*.

### DISCUSSION

The results described herein demonstrate the use of chemicals that can block mismatch repair of host organisms *in vivo* to produce genetic mutations. The results also demonstrate the use of reporter systems in host cells and organisms that are useful for screening chemicals capable of blocking MMR of the host organism. Moreover, the results demonstrate the use of chemical inhibitors to block MMR in mammalian cells, microbes, and plants to produce organisms with new output traits. The data presented herein provide novel approaches for producing genetically altered plants, microbes, and mammalian cells with output traits for commercial applications by inhibiting MMR with chemicals. This approach gives advantages over others that require the use of recombinant techniques to block MMR or to produce new output traits by expression of a foreign gene.

This method will be useful in producing genetically altered host organisms for agricultural, chemical manufacturing, pharmaceutical, and environmental applications.

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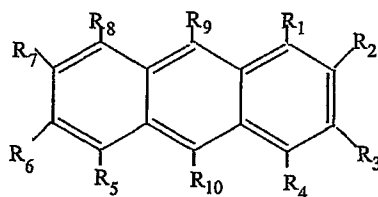
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We claim:

1. A method for making a hypermutable cell comprising exposing a cell to an inhibitor of mismatch repair, wherein said inhibitor is an anthracene, an ATPase inhibitor, a nuclease inhibitor, a polymerase inhibitor, or an antisense oligonucleotide that specifically hybridizes to a nucleotide encoding a mismatch repair protein.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said inhibitor is an anthracene.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said anthracene has the formula:



wherein  $R_1$ - $R_{10}$  are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, O-alkyl, S-alkyl, N-alkyl, O-alkenyl, S-alkenyl, N-alkenyl, O-alkynyl, S-alkynyl, N-alkynyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aryloxy, substituted aryloxy, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, aralkyloxy, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkylaryloxy, arylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, guanidino, carboxy, an alcohol, an amino acid, sulfonate, alkyl sulfonate, CN,  $\text{NO}_2$ , an aldehyde group, an ester, an ether, a crown ether, a ketone, an organosulfur compound, an organometallic group, a carboxylic acid, an organosilicon or a carbohydrate that optionally contains one or more alkylated hydroxyl groups;

wherein said heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl contain at least one heteroatom that is oxygen, sulfur, a metal atom, phosphorus, silicon or nitrogen; and

wherein said substituents of said substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl,

substituted aryl, and substituted heteroaryl are halogen, CN,  $\text{NO}_2$ , lower alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, aralkyloxy, guanidino, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, carboxy and amino;

and wherein said amino groups optionally substituted with an acyl group, or 1 to 3 aryl or lower alkyl groups.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  are hydrogen.
5. The method of claim 3 wherein  $R_1$ - $R_{10}$  are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or hydroxyalkyl.
6. The method of claim 3 wherein  $R_1$ - $R_{10}$  are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, phenyl, tolyl, hydroxymethyl, hydroxypropyl, or hydroxybutyl.
7. The method of claim 3 wherein said anthracene is selected from the group consisting of 1,2-dimethylantracene, 9,10-dimethyl anthracene, 7,8-dimethylantracene, 9,10-diphenylantracene, 9,10-dihydroxymethylantracene, 9-hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene, dimethylantracene-1,2-diol, 9-hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene-1,2-diol, 9-hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene-3,4-diol, and 9, 10-di-m-tolyantracene.
8. The method of claim 3 wherein  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$ ,  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  are hydrogen.
9. The method of claim 3 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  are hydrogen.
10. The method of claim 3 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  are hydrogen.
11. The method of claim 3 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  are hydrogen.
12. The method of claim 3 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  are hydrogen.
13. The method of claim 3 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$  and  $R_{10}$  are hydrogen.
14. The method of claim 1 wherein said ATPase inhibitor is nonhydrolyzable forms of ATP such as AMP-PNP.
15. The method of claim 1 wherein said a nuclease inhibitor is an analog of N-

Ethylmaleimide, a heterodimeric adenine-chain-acridine compounds, or a quinilone such as Heliquinomycin.

16. The method of claim 1 wherein said polymerase inhibitor is an analog of aphidicolin, 1-(2'-Deoxy-2'-fluoro-beta-L-arabinofuranosyl)-5-methyluracil (L-FMAU) or 2',3'-dideoxyribonucleoside 5'-triphosphates.

17. The method of claim 1 wherein said antisense oligonucleotide comprises about 15 consecutive nucleotides that are complementary to the coding strand of a mismatch repair protein, wherein said antisense oligonucleotide specifically binds to said coding strand of said mismatch repair protein under physiological conditions and inhibits mismatch repair activity of said mismatch repair protein.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein said antisense oligonucleotide specifically binds to a regulatory portion on said coding strand of said mismatch repair protein.

19. The method of claim 17 wherein said antisense oligonucleotide is directed against the first six codons of a MMR gene message.

20. The method of claim 1 wherein said inhibitor of mismatch repair is introduced into a growth medium of a eukaryotic cell *in vitro*.

21. The method of claim 1 wherein said inhibitor of mismatch repair is introduced into a growth medium of a prokaryotic cell *in vitro*.

22. The method of claim 1 wherein said inhibitor of mismatch repair is introduced into a growth medium of a plant.

23. A method for generating a mutation in a gene of interest comprising exposing a cell comprising said gene of interest to a chemical mismatch repair inhibitor and testing said cell to determine whether said gene of interest comprises a mutation.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein said testing comprises analyzing a polynucleotide sequence of said gene of interest.
25. The method of claim 23 wherein said testing comprises analyzing a protein encoded by said gene of interest.
26. The method of claim 23 wherein said testing comprises analyzing the phenotype of said cell.
27. The method of claim 23 wherein said cell is a mammalian cell, and wherein said mammalian cell is made mismatch repair defective by exposing said mammalian cell to an inhibitor of mismatch repair.
28. The method of claim 27 further comprising removing the chemical inhibitor of mismatch repair after determining that said gene of interest comprises a mutation.
29. The method of claim 27 wherein said testing comprises analyzing a polynucleotide sequence of said gene of interest.
30. The method of claim 27 wherein said testing comprises analyzing a protein encoded by said gene of interest.
31. The method of claim 27 wherein said testing comprises analyzing the phenotype of said cell.
32. A method for generating a mutation in a gene of interest comprising exposing an animal to a chemical inhibitor of mismatch repair and testing said animal to determine whether the gene of interest comprises a mutation.
33. The method of claim 32 wherein said animal is a mammal.

34. The method of claim 32 wherein said testing comprises analyzing a polynucleotide sequence of said gene of interest.

35. The method of claim 32 wherein said testing comprises analyzing a protein encoded by said gene of interest.

36. The method of claim 32 wherein said testing comprises analyzing the phenotype of said cell.

37. The method of claim 33 wherein said mammal is made mismatch repair defective by exposing said mammal to an inhibitor of mismatch repair.

38. The method of claim 37 further comprising removing said inhibitor of mismatch repair after determining that said gene of interest comprises a mutation.

39. A hypermutable transgenic mammal made by the method of claim 33.

40. A method for generating a mismatch repair defective plant comprising exposing said plant to an inhibitor of mismatch repair.

41. A method for generating a mutation in a gene of interest comprising growing a plant comprising said gene of interest, exposing said plant to an inhibitor of mismatch repair, and testing said plant to determine whether said gene of interest comprises a mutation.

42. The method of claim 41 wherein said testing comprises analyzing a polynucleotide sequence of said gene of interest.

43. The method of claim 41 wherein said testing comprises analyzing a protein encoded by said gene of interest.

44. The method of claim 41 wherein said testing comprises analyzing the phenotype of

said plant.

45. The method of claim 41 wherein said plant is made mismatch repair defective by exposing said plant to an inhibitor of mismatch repair.

46. A hypermutable plant made by the method of claim 40.

47. The plant of claim 46 wherein said plant is monocot.

48. The plant of claim 46 wherein said plant is dicot.

49. A method for screening for chemical inhibitors of mismatch repair comprising exposing an organism to a candidate compound and screening the DNA of said organism for microsatellite instability.

50. The method of claim 49 wherein said organism is a mammal.

51. The method of claim 49 wherein said organism is a microbe.

52. The method of claim 49 wherein said organism is a plant.

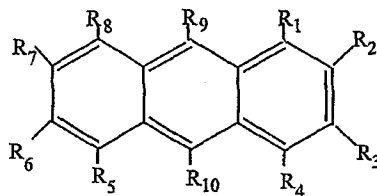
53. The method of claim 49 wherein said screening comprises monitoring endogenous microsatellites.

54. The method of claim 49 wherein said screening comprises the use of reporter expression genes, wherein said reporter expression genes comprise polynucleotide repeats within a coding region of said reporter gene.

55. The method of claim 54 wherein said reporter gene is  $\beta$ -glucuronidase.

56. A method for blocking mismatch repair activity *in vivo* comprising exposing a cell to an anthracene compound.

57. The method of claim 56 wherein said anthracene comprises the formula:



wherein  $R_1$ - $R_{10}$  are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, O-alkyl, S-alkyl, N-alkyl, O-alkenyl, S-alkenyl, N-alkenyl, O-alkynyl, S-alkynyl, N-alkynyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aryloxy, substituted aryloxy, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, aralkyloxy, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkylaryloxy, arylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, guanidino, carboxy, an alcohol, an amino acid, sulfonate, alkyl sulfonate, CN,  $\text{NO}_2$ , an aldehyde group, an ester, an ether, a crown ether, a ketone, an organosulfur compound, an organometallic group, a carboxylic acid, an organosilicon or a carbohydrate that optionally contains one or more alkylated hydroxyl groups;

wherein said heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl contain at least one heteroatom that is oxygen, sulfur, a metal atom, phosphorus, silicon or nitrogen; and

wherein said substituents of said substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl,

substituted aryl, and substituted heteroaryl are halogen, CN,  $\text{NO}_2$ , lower alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, aralkyloxy, guanidino, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, carboxy and amino;

and wherein said amino groups optionally substituted with an acyl group, or 1 to 3 aryl or lower alkyl groups.

58. The method of claim 57 wherein  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  are hydrogen.

59. The method of claim 57 wherein  $R_1$ - $R_{10}$  are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or hydroxyalkyl.

60. The method of claim 57 wherein  $R_1$ - $R_{10}$  are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, phenyl, tolyl, hydroxymethyl, hydroxypropyl, or hydroxybutyl.
61. The method of claim 57 wherein said anthracene is selected from the group consisting of 1,2-dimethylantracene, 9,10-dimethyl anthracene, 7,8-dimethylantracene, 9,10-diphenylantracene, 9,10-dihydroxymethylantracene, 9-hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene, dimethylantracene-1,2-diol, 9-hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene-1,2-diol, 9-hydroxymethyl-10-methylantracene-3,4-diol, and 9, 10-di-m-tolyantracene.  
 $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,
62. The method of claim 57 wherein  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$ ,  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  are hydrogen.
63. The method of claim 57 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  are hydrogen.
64. The method of claim 57 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  are hydrogen.
65. The method of claim 57 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  are hydrogen.
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67. The method of claim 57 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$  and  $R_{10}$  are hydrogen.
68. The method of claim 23 further comprising exposing said cell to a mutagen.
69. The method of claim 32 further comprising exposing said animal to a mutagen.
70. The method of claim 68 or 69 wherein said mutagen is selected from the group consisting of N-methyl-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine, methane sulfonate, dimethyl sulfonate, O-6-methyl benzadine, ethyl methanesulfonate, methylnitrosourea, and ethylnitrosourea.



71. The method of claim 49 wherein the chemical is a MMR inhibitor wherein it induces microsatellite instability in MMR proficient cells but does not induce enhanced microsatellite instability in MMR deficient cells.

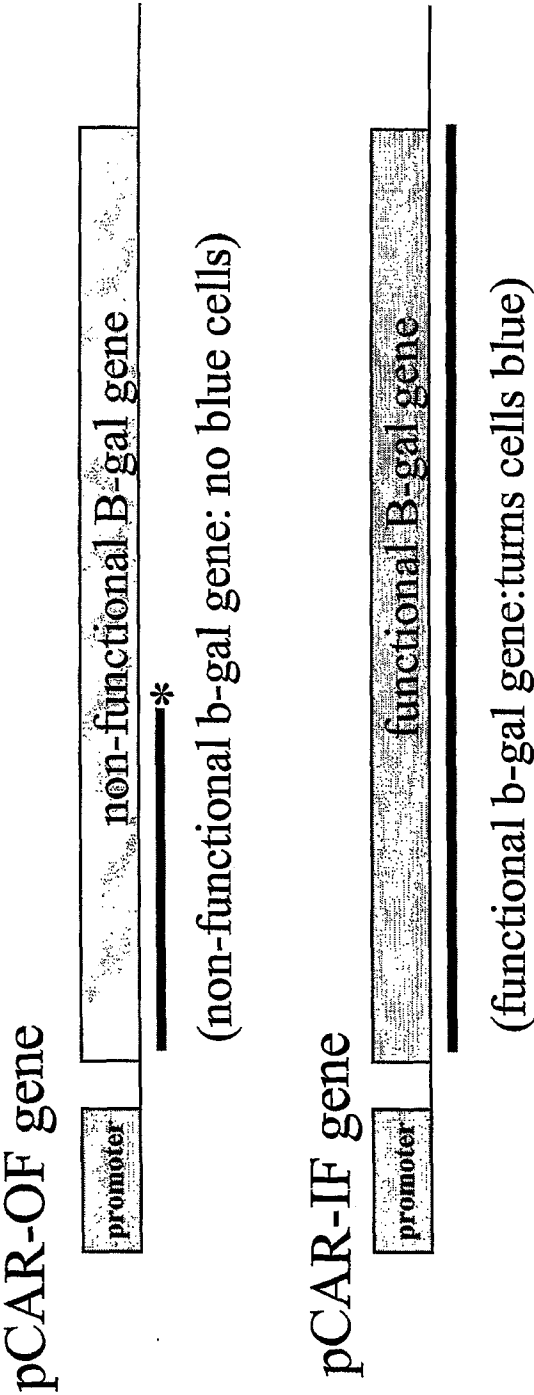


FIGURE 1. Engineered genes used to measure the *in vivo* gene altering capability of chemical induced defective mismatch repair. In MMR defective cells, the non-functional  $\beta$ -gal gene is altered to produce a functional protein that can turn cells blue in the presence of X-gal substrate.

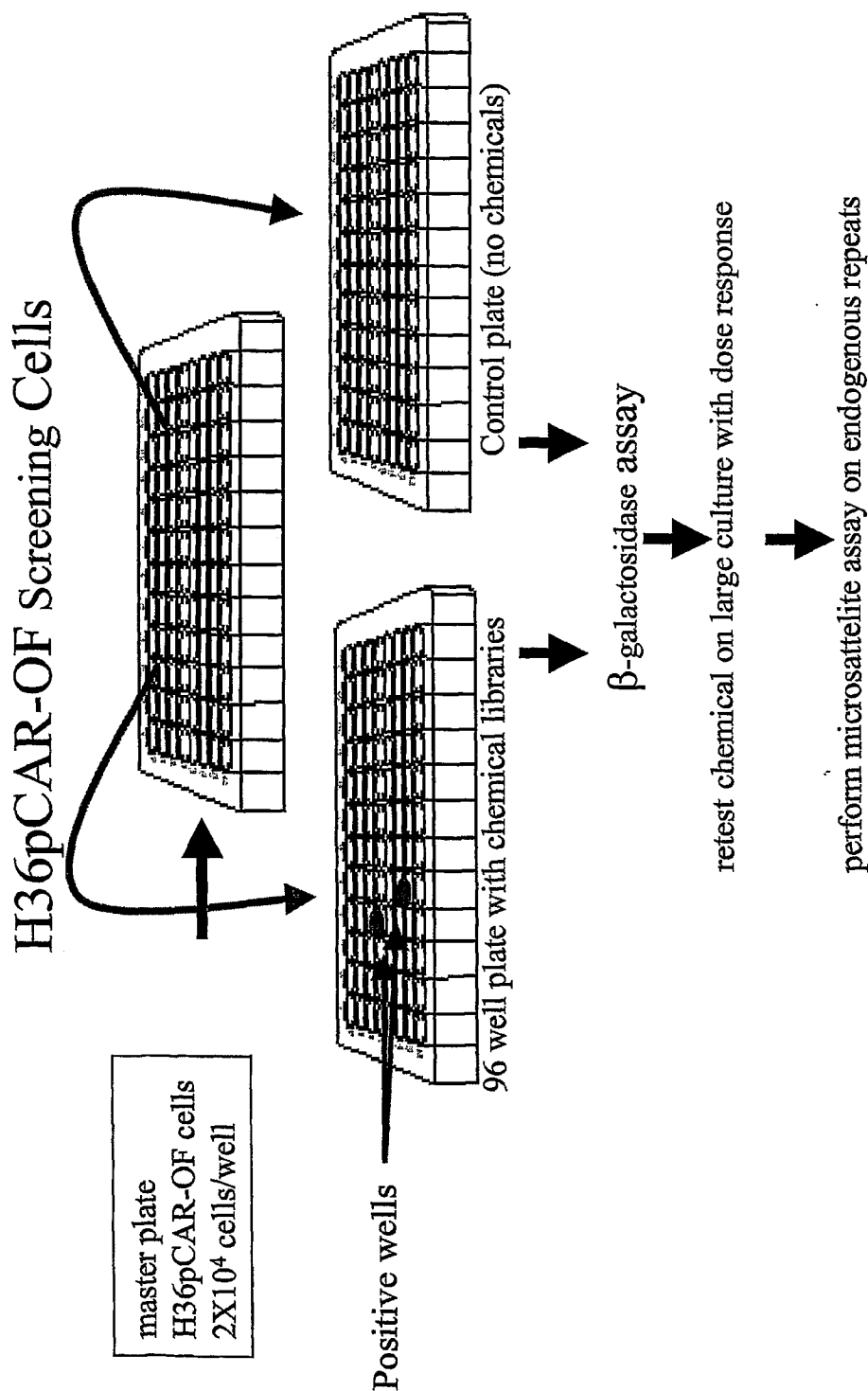


Figure 2: Screening method for identifying mismatch repair blocking chemicals. The assay employs the use of H36pCAR-OF cells which constitutively express the nonfunctional β-galactosidase pCAR-OF gene. Twenty thousand cells are plated in 100 μls of growth medium in a 96-well master plate 50 μls of cells (ten thousand cells) are then replated into duplicate wells, one containing chemicals, the other control medium to account for background. Cells are grown for 14 days, lysed and measured for β-galactosidase activity using CPRG substrate buffer. Wells are measured for activity by spectrophotometry at an OD of 576nm. Chemicals producing positive activity are then retested on larger H36pCAR-OF cultures at different doses. Cultures are measured for β-galactosidase and stability of endogenous microsatellite repeats.

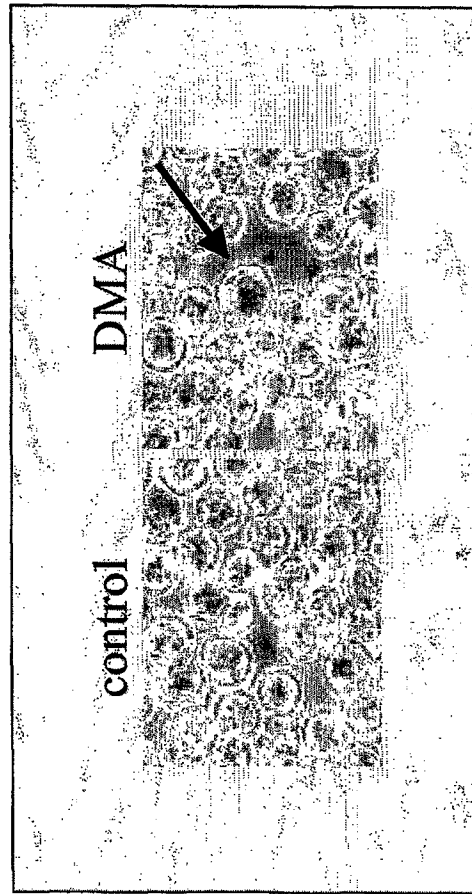
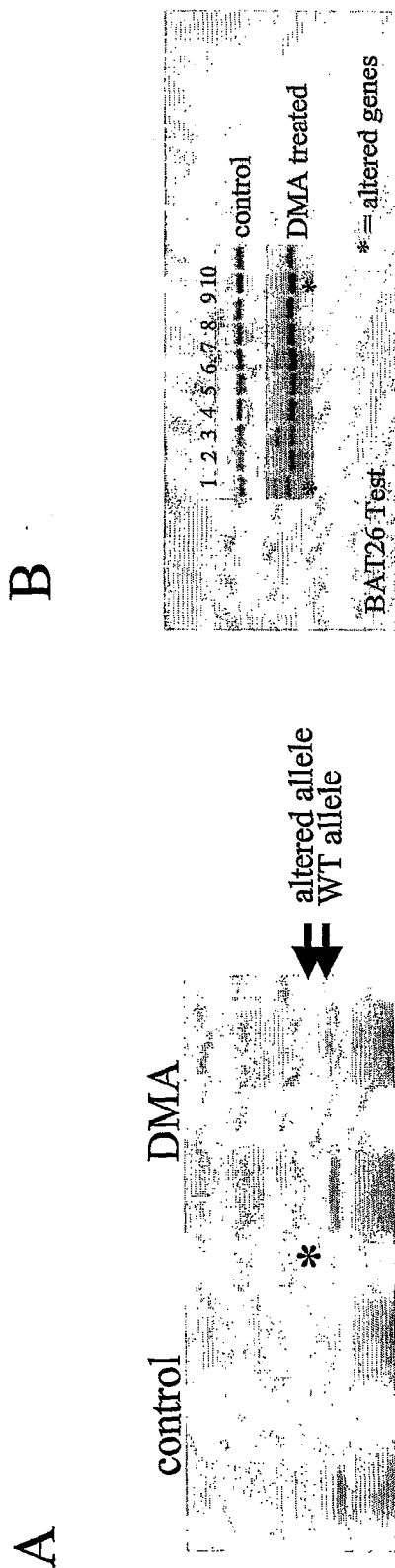


Figure 3. DMA produces b-gal positive H36pCAR-OF cells. H36pCAR-OF cells Grown in the presence of DMA generated functional  $\beta$ -gal producing reporter Cells due to alteration of the polyA repeat contained within the N-terminus of the construct. The Arrow indicates  $\beta$ -gal positive cells. Approximately 3% of cells were positive for  $\beta$ -gal.



**FIGURE 4.** Shifting of endogenous microsatellites in human cells induced by DMA in human 293 cells. Cells were cultured in the presence of DMA for 14-17 days. Genomic DNA was isolated and BAT26 microsatellites were analyzed by PCR and gel electrophoresis. (A) Markers were analyzed by PCR using total genomic DNA from 40 samples of treated and untreated cells. Bottom band is the product with the expected wild type (WT) allele size. The asterisk indicates the presence of a new allele in cells treated with DMA. No new alleles were observed in control cells. (B) BAT26 markers from DMA-treated and untreated cells were amplified and cloned into T-tailed vectors. Recombinant clones were then reamplified using BAT26 primers and run on 4% agarose gels and stained with ethidium bromide. Shown is a representative sampling of clones whereby clones with altered molecular weights were observed in DMA treated cells (bottom panel) but not in control cells (top panel). The asterisk indicates markers with altered molecular weight.

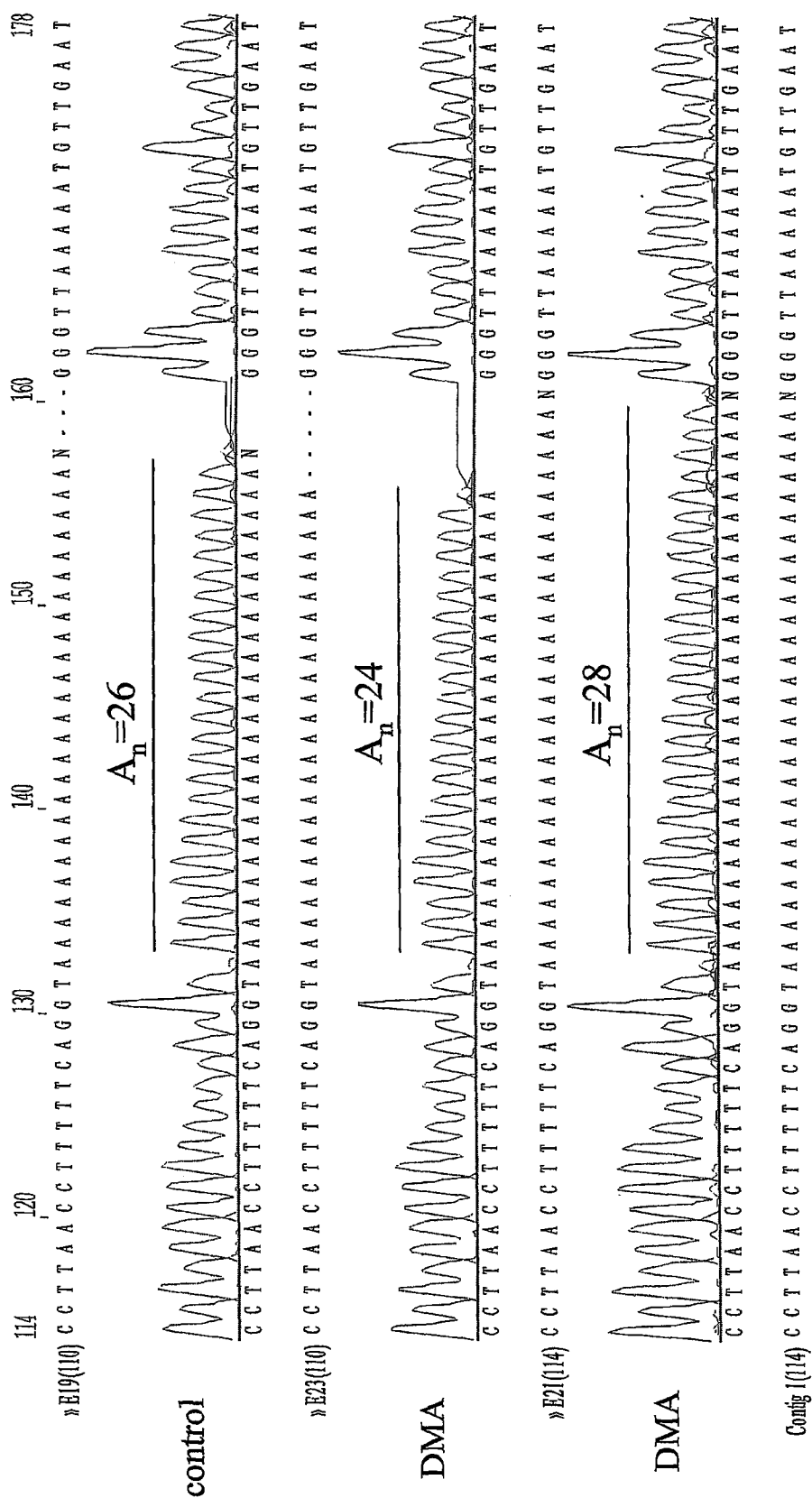


Figure 5. Sequence analysis of recombinant clones containing the BAT26 markers shows alterations within the endogenous polyA repeats in 293 cells treated with 250 $\mu$ m DMA but not in markers obtained from control cells (top sequence). Shown is a sequence alignment from 3 clones. Sequence was aligned using Vector NTI software.

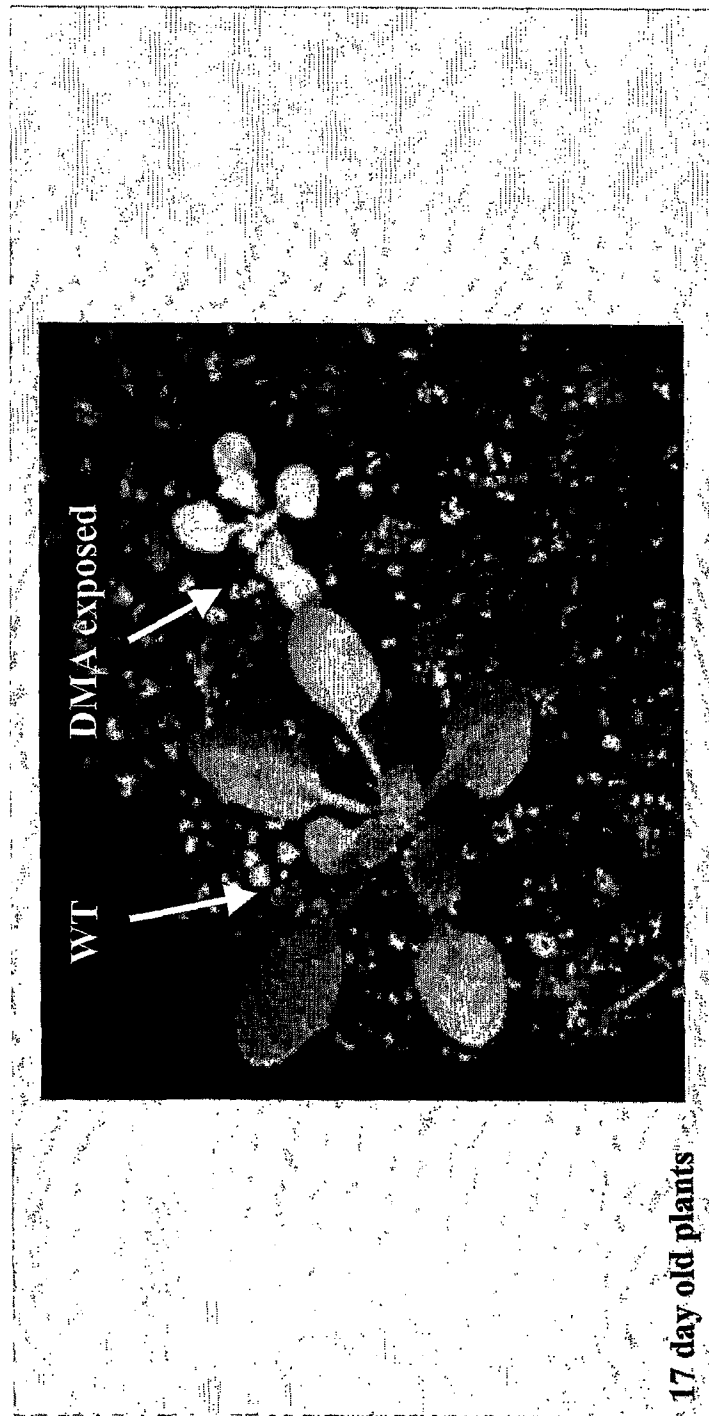


Figure 6. Chemical inhibitors of MMR blocks spell check process leading to genetic alterations and new output traits. Shown here are offspring from control (WT) or DMA exposed *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants grown in standard soil conditions for 17 days. Six percent of the offspring from DMA treated plants had the small light green appearance. No plants with altered phenotypes were observed in the 150 plants from control or EMS mutagenized offspring. These data demonstrate the ability to generate a high rate of genetic alteration in host organisms by blockade of MMR *in vivo* that can lead to new output traits.

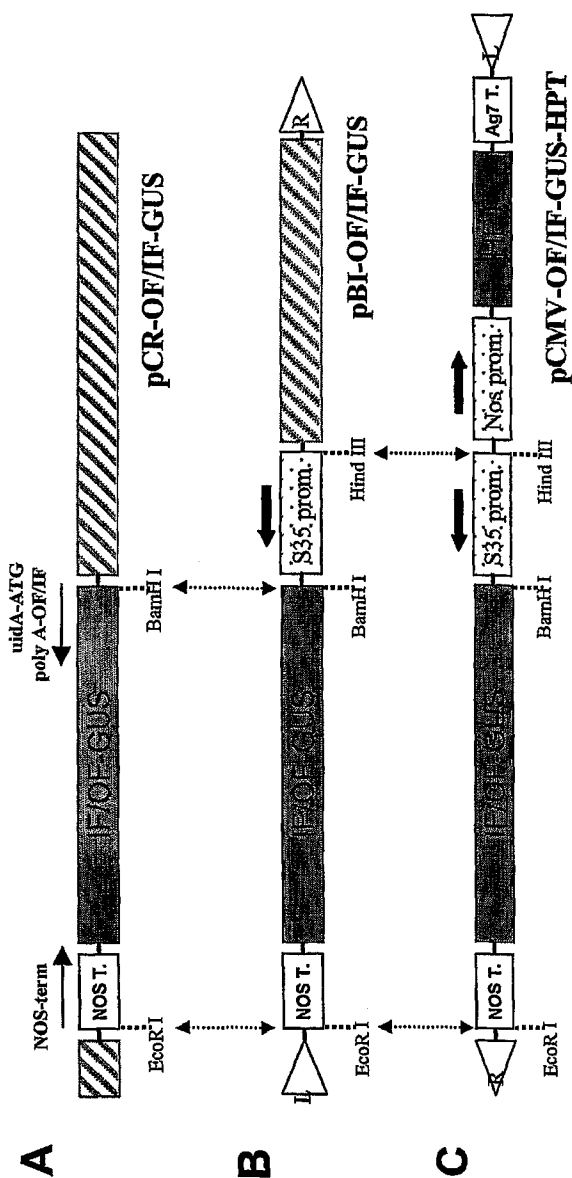
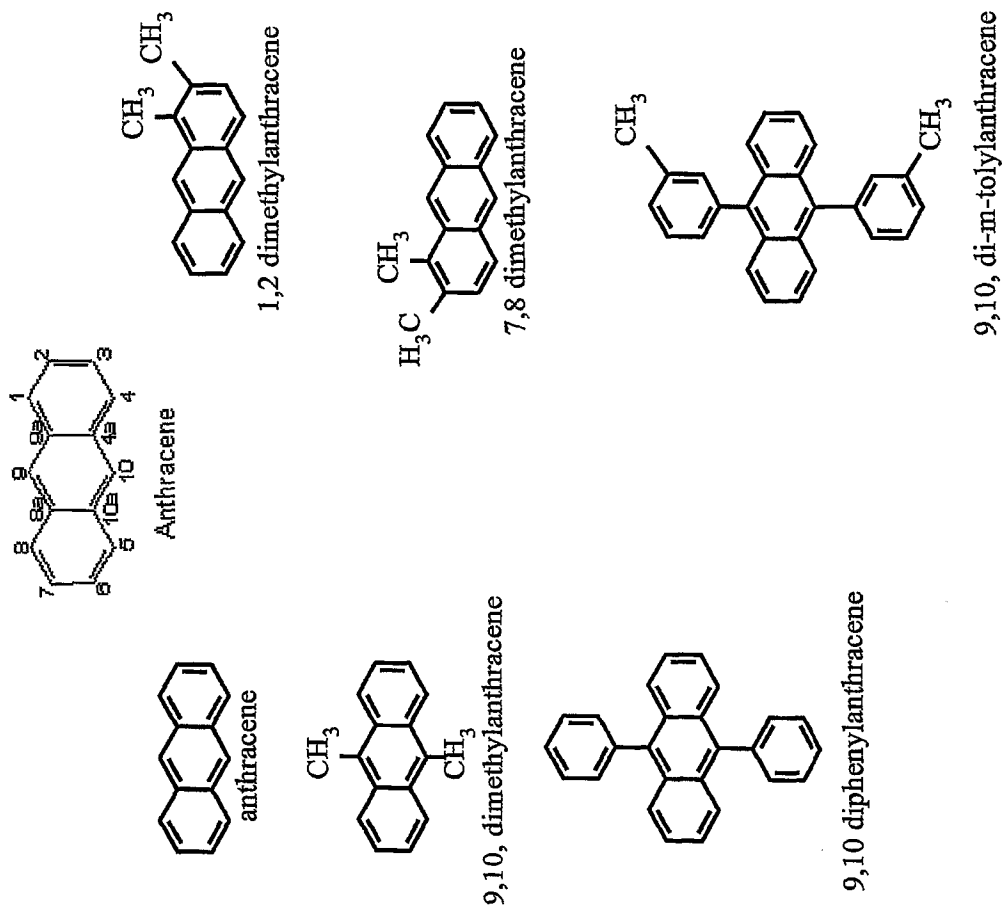


Figure 7. Binary vectors carrying the in-frame (IF) or out-of-frame (OF) version of the  $\beta$ -glucuronidase (GUS) gene. A) IF-GUS and OF-GUS genes, including the neomycin resistance terminator (NOS T.), were obtained by PCR using the NOS-term. and uidA-ATG poly A-OF/IF primers. PCR products were cloned in the TA cloning vector pCR2.1 and sequenced. B) IF-GUS or OF-GUS genes were then cloned into the EcoRI and BamHI sites of the pBI-121 vector, which carries the Cauliflower Mosaic Virus S35 promoter (S35 prom.). C) The cassette containing the S35 promoter, the IF/OF-GUS gene, and the NOS T. was subsequently cloned into the EcoRI and HindIII sites of the pGPTV-HPT binary vector, to generate pCMV-IF-GUS-HPT or pCMV-OF-GUS-HPT constructs. HPT, hygromycin phosphotransferase gene. L, T-DNA left border. R, T-DNA right border. Solid arrows indicate direction of transcription. Dotted arrows indicate subcloning sites. Ag7, gene 7 terminator.



**Figure 8. Examples of chemical inhibitors of mismatch repair. 9, 10 dimethyl anthracene and anthracene analogs are effective chemical inhibitors of mismatch repair *in vivo*.**



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